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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of New-York, on Wednesday the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven. The Session continued from the seventh to the thirteenth day of June inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Psalm xlviii. 12, 13, 14. "*Walk about Zion and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D. D., James Brownlee.

Elders, Samuel Allen,* Lawrence V. De Forest, Thomas Lippincott.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. John E. Miller, Stephen H. Meeker, Isaac Ferris, D. D.
Elders, Beekman M. Van Beuren, Cornelius Van Cott, and William R. Thompson.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Peter S. Williamson, Isaac M. Fisher.
Elders, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh,† Thomas Talmadge, Cornelius Latouret.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. A. Meyers, Ira C. Boice, and Philip Duryea, D. D.
Elders, Peter Sip, Jacob Brinkerhoff, William C. Vreeland.‡

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, John Manley, and Benjamin Van Keuren.
Elders, Maurice Hoyt,† John N. Hopper, and William Sickles.

6. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, William H. Campbell, Garret I. Garretson.
Elders, John Skillman, Simon Cortelyou, Isaac Rapalje.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Jacob R. Van Arsdalen, Peter Labagh.§
Elder, Robert S. Clark.

* Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session by Jacob Westervelt, the *secundus.*

† Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Abraham Polhemus, Francis M. Kip, and J. W. Hongen.
Elders, J. H. Rosa, John Haver, Jr.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Thomas E. Vermilyea, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and Edwin Holmes.

Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer,* Charles A. Keeler, John R. Bleecker.†

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Thomas A. Ammerman,‡ John Lillie, and William Brush.§
Elders, Severyn Bruyn,|| Conrad Brodhead.¶

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Christopher Hunt, Andrew N. Kittle, E. P. Stimson.
Elders, John C. Barringer,** Isaac Hutton, and John Link.**

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. E. H. May, William Pitcher, Benjamin Van Zandt.
Elders, Tunis Swart, Nathan Collins.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, Jacob D. Fonda,‡ James Stevenson.
Elders, * * *

* Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session in consequence of *indisposition.*

† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the session.

** Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Benjamin Bassler, R. D. Van Kleek, John B. Steele.*
Elders, Jacob Kneiskern.*

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. A. B. Chittenden, Thomas Frazer, and Cornelius Bogardus.†
Elder, Cornelius Hageman.‡

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. A. M. Mann, Robert Kirkwood.§
Elder, N. Richtmire.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. Robert P. Lee, John H. Bevier.
Elder, Thomas Clark.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. James Romeyn, T. B. Gregory, and Jefferson Wynkoop.*
Elder, David G. Abeel.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff was chosen President.
The Rev. James Romeyn was chosen Adsessor.
The Rev. Messrs. Christopher Hunt and Garret I. Garretson were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

* Took their seats on the *third* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of the session, and succeeded by the Rev. Joshua Boyd, the *primarius*, on the *fourth* day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *fourth* day of the session.

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed.

On the Professorate.—Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Robert P. Lee, and James Romeyn; and the Elders, Isaac Hutton, and Cornelius L. Hardenburgh.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. James Murphy, E. P. Stimson, and James Stevenson; and the Elders, Thomas Clark, and Nathan Collins.

On Missions.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Stephen H. Meeker, and John H. Bevier; and the Elders, John C. Barringer, and Peter Sip.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilyea, Edwin Holmes, and A. H. Myers; and the Elders, Thomas Lippincott, and John N. Hopper.

On Overtures.—Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, A. B. Chittenden, and Jacob D. Fonda; and the Elders, John Skillman, and Isaac Rapalje.

On Accounts.—Rev. Andrew N. Kittle, William Pitcher, and Benjamin Van Zandt; and the Elders, David G. Abeel, and Thomas Clark.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., E. H. May, and A. M. Mann; and the Elders, Samuel Allen, and Cornelius Van Cott.

On Education.—Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., Francis M. Kip, and Richard D. Van Kleeck; and the Elders, Lawrence V. De Forest, and Beekman M. Van Beuren.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Classis of Ulster, recommending David Leroy as a suitable person to receive aid in the prosecution of his studies for the gospel ministry; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following communication was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Garret I. Garretson, and the Elder William R. Thompson.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

In a Codicil to the Will of my father, Gerard Beekman, who died in July, 1833, there is a legacy of five hundred dollars, in the words following—" I do will and direct that the same sum (five hundred dollars,) shall be applied by my executors, in such manner as they may see fit, to aid in the formation or establishment of Sunday schools in the Valley of the Mississippi, in connexion with or under the control, direction, or superintendence, of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; the same to be paid without interest, and at such times, and in such proportions, and to such persons, as my said executors may see fit."

There being no agency of the General Synod in the Valley of the Mississippi, nor any other channel through which the above

legacy could reach the objects of it, in the manner intended by the testator, at the time of the final settlement of his estate, his executors were forced to retain the money in their hands. In December, 1836, when they resigned their trusts, I became responsible to them for the proper payment of it, and no suitable opportunity of discharging that duty having yet come to my knowledge, I now respectfully ask the direction of Synod as to the proper disposal of the bequest.

JAMES W. BEEKMAN.

New-York, June 5, 1837.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. James W. Beekman, report—

The clause of the will of Mr. G. Beekman, bequeathing five hundred dollars, stipulates that "the same shall be applied by the executors in such a manner as they may see fit, to aid in the formation or establishment of Sunday schools, in the Valley of the Mississippi, in connexion with, or under the control, direction, or superintendence of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church." Your committee recommend that Mr. Beekman be advised to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod, to be set apart by the said Board for the specific object mentioned by the testator.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the committee wait on Mr. Beekman and inform him of the above decision of the Synod.

The following report was received from the committee to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on the Communication from the Trustees of Rutgers College. (See article xiii.)

To the Rev. General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, convened in the city of New-York, in June, A. D. 1837.

Your committee, appointed at the last annual session, in Albany, for the purpose of conferring with the honorable Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, on the subject of relieving your Theological Professors from the services now performed by them in the literary departments of the college, beg leave to report, that we have attended to the business of our trust.

On the day of Commencement, we visited the institution, and in compliance with our request to be heard, were favored by the trustees with the appointment of a Committee of Conference, selected for this purpose. Our meeting took place on the evening after the public exercises.

Much time was spent in a full and unreserved discussion of the subject in its numerous bearings. We endeavored to ascertain particularly the extent of employment, and the amount of labor required of the Theological Professors in the various departments of the college, together with the feelings of the professors themselves in regard to the additional burthen there imposed on them.

Although the professors were far from complaining, or even being sensible of any burthen in their additional service, it was considered undesirable, and to be avoided, for the sake of their personal improvement advancing with the progress of the age in the knowledge of the Bible, as well as in other sciences, and as it regards the privilege of all literary men to be coadjutors in accelerating the progress of man's intellectual and religious improvement.

It was found on inquiry, that the time and labor required of your professors in academical instruction, was much less than we apprehended; but *any* portion of time, attention, study, and teaching, expended apart from professoral duties, must be considered in the light of so much deduction from the amount that might and ought to be devoted to the special calling of each professor, in its widest extent.

From the statement of the honorable board, furnished by their committee, it was understood, that the additional assistance in the labors of instruction which they have been enabled to procure, both in the literary and theological institutions, has been such as to reduce very much the amount of foreign aid which is required in college; and that, what is now rendered is barely sufficient to preserve a

desirable connexion of the theological professors with the college, and a kind influence on the pupils, which are highly beneficial to both institutions. A due connexion, and its consequent healthful influence, are devoutly desired by every friend of our Zion, and should be carried to the greatest extent consistent with an entire devotion of every professor to his sacred calling.

With this view, one department needs the special attention of your reverend body, and calls for prompt relief, viz: The Professorship of Didactic Theology. The duties of this office, without any additional labor of academic teaching and government, are sufficient to occupy the whole time and attention of one man. We have no hesitation in saying that all the officers are laborious in their several departments, diligent in their business, and, for the welfare of the institution entrusted to their care, for the benefit of the youth under their guardianship and for the prosperity of the kingdom of Christ, are willing to endure toil even to the sacrifice of personal comfort. We add, that as far as we have witnessed the fruits of their labor, they are highly worthy of the confidence of our church, and the institution deserves her kindest nurture and warmest support. But to impose the labors of at least two men on a single person is injurious as well as unwise.

In view of the whole, your committee would respectfully recommend to the General Synod, that with the consent of the trustees of Rutgers College, provision be made for the separation of the offices of President and Professor of Didactic Theology.

All which is submitted with great respect.

ANDREW YATES, } *Committee.*
SAMUEL ALLEN, }

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Report of the Board of Superintendents.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological College at New-Brunswick, respectfully report to the General Synod—

That the members of the Board of Superintendents, appointed

by the last General Synod, convened at New-Brunswick, July 14, 1836. After having organized, they received the communications of the Professors of Theology, and heard the examination of the students in the several branches usually taught in the institution. The Board feel much gratified with the reports of the professors respecting the piety, correct deportment, and diligence of the students, as well as the exhibition of their attainments in learning, and correct theological instruction, in every respect highly honorable to the young gentlemen, and the sure evidence of the ability, industry, and aptness to teach, of the professors, who are entrusted with the important office of training up young men with the necessary furniture of able ministers of the New-Testament.

Your Board found in the seminary the following young men :

Senior Class—

Alexander C. Hillmar,
Peter J. Quick,
Daniel Michael,
William Reily,
John M. Scribner,
Hart E. Waring.

Middle Class—

Peter Allen,
Robert C. Clark,
John C. Crookshank,
John T. Demarest,
William Demarest,
John N. Duryee,
William R. Gordon,
Harrison Heermance,
John P. Knox,
John F. Mesick,
William P. Pohlman,
Ebenezer Wiggins.

Junior Class—

Philip M. Brett,
Orlando Harriman,
John A. Van Doren,

Cornelius S. Van Santvoord,
Cornelius Wyckoff.

In all making twenty-three.

Mr. William S. Moore, a member of the University of New-York, appeared before the board, and presented a testimonial from the Rev. George Dubois as to his church-membership and Christian character and standing, and also a certificate of literary attainments and abilities, from the faculty of the University of New-York. On these, and in view of his peculiar circumstances, he was permitted by the board to enter the Theological Seminary at the commencement of the fall session.

The board lament, that in view of the great want of our churches, and the Macedonian cry both at home and abroad, so few young men are found to devote themselves to the great, important, and benevolent work of the ministry. Whether the cause of this fact may or may not be referred to the growing worldly mindedness, and hastening to be rich, so fatal to vital piety, and so wounding to the cause of the Redeemer, or to the difficulties attending the ministry in various ways, or the number of similar institutions, or the limits of our church as a denomination, the board rejoice to say that they exercise undiminished confidence in the theological faculty, whose time, learning, and talents, are devoted to their important duties with a highly commendable zeal. And although their duties in connexion with the literary institution are certainly arduous, and a heavy demand on them, still the board is not aware that any real loss is sustained, or injury done to the theological students. Yet, such is the arduous nature of their duties, and the importance of the instruction of the theological students, that it might be an advantage to relieve the theological faculty, as soon as circumstances will admit, from the onerous duties which they now discharge in the literary department, with so much labor to themselves and advantage to their pupils. Is it asked, why have we not a greater number of young men in our institutions? The high price of the means of living may be assigned as an important reason; and probably the only remedy for this inconvenience is some approved plan of commons or boarding-houses, under the control of the trustees of the college, on the college grounds. It is hoped, also, that

the compliance of the ministers of the church, with the direction of General Synod, to preach two or three times a year to their people, and to use all proper means of finding and bringing forward young men to the work of the ministry, will exert a salutary influence on the people, and on young men.

In the communication of Professor M'Clelland, he speaks of a plan of instruction by dividing his class into public and private. The board has the professor's declaration that the plan operates well, but how far such a division may be calculated to promote good scholarship, and harmony, or dissatisfaction among the young men, the board are not in possession of facts to form a judgment or take a special order.

The missionary spirit is still producing an important influence on our young men, and although we have so many vacant churches, yet such is the vast importance of the gospel to the heathen world, that the board rejoice in this interesting state of things. The health of the faculty and students, with some little exception, has been good, and death has not removed any.

The board has been better attended than usual, which is felt to be a circumstance favorable to the institution, and probably ascribable to the resolution of General Synod, directing the expenses of the attending members to be paid. The board would respectfully suggest to General Synod the importance of providing available funds to pay regularly the expenses of attending members.

The board feel persuaded of the vast importance of giving the full and undivided support of General Synod to these institutions, which have been the means of so much good, and so precious a fountain sending forth streams making glad the city of our God; institutions founded by the fathers of the church, blessed with their prayers, and left to us as an inheritance which we are bound by every tie of duty to preserve, and transmit to the children of the church. Perhaps, the preciousness of the Word of God at this time, the scarcity of young men preparing for the ministry, and the difficulty of finding men to supply our vacant churches, may be, and probably is owing to that worldly spirit prevailing in the churches which has caused the Lord to give that which has been sought, but to send leanness of soul, and deny the bread of life as

a chastisement for inverting the command of our Lord, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," and by which the nation has been increased in gold, but not in the joy of the Holy Ghost.

JACOB BRODHEAD, *President.*
ROBERT BRONK, *Clerk.*

A true copy from the original,

THOMAS DE WITT, *Stated Clerk.*

New-Brunswick, July 15, 1836.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, and a list of the Securities, belonging to General Synod, now in the hands of the Treasurer, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church—

The Board of Direction respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

The Board have the painful duty of announcing to Synod the decease of their late President. In reference to this afflictive dispensation of Providence, they have, by a unanimous vote, placed upon their minutes the following record.

"*Resolved,* That whilst this board desire humbly to acquiesce in the will of a sovereign and wise God, they cannot, without emotion, record the death of their late and highly esteemed President, Isaac L. Kip, Esq., who suddenly departed this life, on the twentieth day of January last. In his death the church of Christ has lost a pious and devoted member, the General Synod a discreet and faithful officer, and the members of this board, individually, have to lament the loss of a personal friend, with whom they have long acted in various relations, in uninterrupted harmony and affection."

Cornelius Heyer, Esq., the senior member of this board, has been, by a like unanimous vote, chosen to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Kip, as President of the Board.

William B. Crosby, Esq., has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the board.

During the past year, the board has met as frequently as the business entrusted to their care has required. Continued and affectionate harmony still attends all their meetings and proceedings.

Very little has occurred beyond what will appear in the Treasurer's Report that requires to be brought under the inspection of Synod. The rate of interest upon all the investments of the funds of Synod, made by this board, except on loans to churches, and one loan in New-Jersey of two thousand five hundred dollars, has been increased to seven per cent. per annum. The income of the Synod, if it shall continue to be regularly received, is adequate to its present engagements, without any special appeal to the churches; the board however repeat their wish, that the subscriptions of 1834 might be paid in as soon as may at all suit the convenience of the subscribers. It is obvious that trouble to your treasurer, and possible loss to the Synod, would thus be prevented.

Seventeen hundred and two dollars and forty-one cents, has been received from the executors of the will of Mrs. Margaret Burges, and seventeen hundred dollars invested for "the endowment of the Margaret Burges Scholarship." Also, six hundred dollars from the executor of the will of the late Rev. Nicholas Lansing, the interest of which is applicable to the support of indigent young men, students in theology.

One hundred and twenty dollars extra allowance, for the liquidation of a debt, has been granted to the Beneficiary on the Wyckoff Scholarship. This act has been done because of various peculiarities of the case.

A proposition has been made to us by Abraham Varick, Esq., to cause the claim against the Reformed Dutch Church at Utica, for six thousand dollars, to be cancelled, by substituting for it the bond of the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, of the city of New-York, for four thousand dollars, and Mr. Varick's own bond, for two thousand dollars. This arrangement your board have

not felt themselves at liberty to make, their investments being all on bond and mortgage, and they now refer the proposition to the action of Synod.

The gift of James Bogert, Jr. Esq., towards a permanent indigent students' fund, remains at Mr. Bogert's own request, in the same state as heretofore.

The Board having been requested by a committee on the part of Synod to act as Trustees of the Widows' Fund, do not object to undertake the service if the Synod still desire it.

The Rev. Dr. Knox has been appointed by this board to give to Synod any information that may be called for.

The annual digest is herewith submitted, and the treasurer's report appended.

CORNS. HEYER, *Pres't, pro tem.*
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, }
JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*
*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, June 6, 1837.

* Mr. Crosby is at this time absent from the city.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Young, *their Treasurer.*

1836		DR.			
June	4	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st instant,		$ 393	75
	10	" " Isaac Young, for one year's salary as treasurer of General Synod, due this day,	250 00		
		and for postage of letters, and discount on uncurrent notes paid by him,	79		
				250	79
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	16	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, for six months' interest on the Van Rensselaer, the William Paterson Van Rensselaer, the Rutgers, the Cornell, the Heyer, and the Wyckoff Scholarships, due 4th inst.		306	00
	23	" " Peter Van Bergen for his services as door-keeper for General Synod, at their meeting at Albany, the present month, and for stationary, &c. furnished by him,		17	43
	25	" " Rev. Dr. Gosman, for his expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Pittsburgh,		38	00
	27	" " William Schuneman, agent, in full of his commissions for collecting subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod to this date,		66	98
July	11	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested by him on temporary loan,		2000	00
	18	" " the following persons for their travelling expenses, incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College at New-Brunswick, on the 14th instant, and paid by a resolution of General Synod, made at their meeting in June last, viz:			
		Rev. A. M. Mann,	20 00		
	19	" James Murphy,	16 00		
		" B. Hoff,	7 00		
		" James E. Quaw,	15 00		
	21	" William S. Heyer,	5 50		
	23	" J. B. Hardenbergh,	8 00		
			71 50		
		Carried forward,		3904	20

1836		DR.			
		Brought forward,	71 50	3904	20
July	29	To cash paid Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck,	12 00		
Aug	10	" James W. Stewart,	15 00		
				98	50
	22	" " Mercein & Post, for printing the Minutes of General Synod for 1836, paper, binding, &c.		239	40
Sept	2	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	17	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, for one year's interest on $800, due 4th June last, being the difference between $2500 bequeathed, and $1700 invested, for the endowment of the Wyckoff Scholarship,		48	00
		" " Rev. Henry Mandeville, for his travelling expenses, incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, New-Brunswick, on the 14th July last,		20	00
	28	" " Corn's Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan,		600	00
	30	" " Rev. J. H. Van Wagenen, delegate, &c., for his travelling expenses in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, at Baltimore,		25	00
Oct.	5	" " Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, delegate, for his travelling expenses in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, at Baltimore,		22	50
	28	" " Bank of New-York, for my note for $350 and interest, discounted by them on the 31st August last,		353	33
	29	" " Daniel Fanshaw, loaned him on his bond and a mortgage on his lot of ground corner of Nassau and Ann streets, New-York,		2300	00
Dec.	2	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor, &c., in the Theological College, due 1st instant,		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor, in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor, &c., in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	9	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, for six months' interest on the Van Rensselaer, the William Paterson Van Rensselaer, the Rutgers, the Cornell, the Margaret Burges, and the Heyer Scholarships, at $1700 each, and the Wyckoff Scholarship, at $2500, due 4th inst.		381	00
		Carried forward,		10441	93

1837		DR.		
		Brought forward,	10441	93
Jan.	15	To cash paid Greenwich Insurance Company, for insurance of $8000, for one year, on Rutgers College,	48	00
Feb.	14	" " Peter Spader, treasurer of Rutgers College, for one year's interest on Col. Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000, to Rutgers College, due 20th June, 1836,	300	00
		" " Peter Spader, treasurer, &c., for dividends on Bergen turnpike stock, belonging to Rutgers Col-College, ten shares, up to this date,	23	15
Mar	3	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	10	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
Apr.	18	" " Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, for his expenses in attending as a delegate to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, in 1835,	22	00
	4	" " Howard Insurance Company, for premium of insurance on the Reformed Dutch Church at Utica, $6000, for one year,	39	00
May	19	" " Bank of New-York, for my note for $300, with interest, discounted by them on 27th February last,	304	00
	29	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, due 1st June next, $100 00 and for postage paid by him, 1 63	101	63
June	3	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor of the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
		To balance carried to new account,	480	11
			14209	82

1836		CR.		
June	1	By balance of last year's account, brought forward,	$1672	39
		" cash received of Peter Van Zandt, Jr., on account of interest on his note for $100, given for his subscription to the permanent fund,	10	00
	6	" " for six months' interest on bond of $4000, due 4th instant,	120	00
	18	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,	14	75
	22	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $10,000, due 22d May last,	300	00
	23	" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, Questor of the Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,		50
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $6,800, due 4th inst.	204	00
	27	" " of W. Schuneman, agent, &c., collected by him on the subscriptions of different individuals to the permanent fund of General Synod,	72	00
	30	" " of Rev. Dr. How, for a collection made in the Reformed Dutch Church at Middlebush, for the Theological College,	14	12
July	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9,000, due 3d instant,	270	00
	11	" " of James Burges, John Clapp, and Jacob Brower, executors, &c., of Margaret Burges, deceased, in full of a bequest made by her to the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, to endow a scholarship to be called by her name, "The Margaret Burges Scholarship;" said bequest being $1750, but in consequence of her personal property having been diminished by losses on fire insurance stock since her decease, is reduced proportionably with other legacies to this amount,	1702	41
	13	" " for six months' interest on bond for $1200, due 8th inst.	36	00
	25	" " received of the following persons for one year's interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of the General Synod, due 1st May last, viz: Abraham Van Nest $300; Anthony Kerr 15; Obadiah Holmes 15; William Taylor, Jr. 30; Leffert Lefferts 30; Myndert Van Schaick 60; Stephen Reed 30; Francis Olmstead 12	492	00
	27	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 8th June last,	150	00
Aug	17	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st instant,	75	00
		Carried forward,	5133	17

1836		CR.		
		Brought forward,	5133	17
Aug	17	By cash received, interest on stock of the state of New York, for April and July quarters last, at $12 per quarter,	24	00
	31	" " of Bank of New-York, for my note, discounted by them, endorsed by Cornelius Heyer,	350	00
Sept	14	" " of the following persons for one year's interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May last, viz: Peter I. Van Pelt, $30; Abraham Terhune, 15	45	00
	24	" " of Jacob I. Blauvelt, executor, &c. of Rev. Nicholas Lansing deceased, bequeathed by him to the General Synod, the interest to be applied to the support of indigent pious students in theology,	600	00
Oct.	5	" " for six months' interest on bond of $8500, due 1st inst.	255	00
	7	" " for six months' interest on bond of $2000, due 11th September last,	70	00
	27	" " of Cornelius Heyer, in full of the money placed in his hands to be invested on temporary loan with interest,	2638	23
Nov.	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5500, due this day,	170	00
	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d October last,	61	67
	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8300, up to this day,	189	96
	18	" " for dividend on 23 shares of Bergen turnpike stock,	23	00
Dec.	1	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $10,000, up to 22d November last,	314	52
		" " for six months' interest on two bonds for $5000 each, one due 1st November last, and the other on the 20th inst.	300	00
		" " of William Schuneman, agent, &c., for two years' interest on Rev. Jacob I. Schultz's note for $100 at five per cent. given for his subscription to the permanent fund of General Synod, $10; and on account of other subscriptions thereto, 10	20	00
	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, up to 1st instant,	127	12
	9	" " for six months' interest on bond for $6800, up to 1st inst.	216	11
1837 Jan.	4	" " for interest on a bond for $9000, up to 3d inst.	292	50
	7	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 8th December last,	150	00
	19	" " for interest on a bond for $6000, up to 5th December last, $173 10; and for premium of insurance on R. D. Church, Utica, advanced by G. Synod, 23 17	196	27
		Carried forward,	11176	55

1837		CR.		
		Brought forward,	11176	55
Feb.	3	By cash received of Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, for Theological College,	3	50
	10	" " of William A. Mercein, on account, for privilege of publishing Psalms and Hymns,	257	70
	14	" " of Peter Spader, treasurer, &c., for the balance of cash in his hands, due to the Professoral Fund of the Theological College, on the 13th December last, as per his account,	226	23
	18	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st inst.	75	00
	21	" " for six months' interest on bond for $1200, due 8th January last,	42	00
	27	" " of Bank of New-York, for my note, dated this day, discounted by them, endorsed by Cornelius Heyer,	300	00
Apr.	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	17	" " of Rev. Stephen H. Meeker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to that Classis,	7	00
	18	" " of Rev. M. W. Dwight, Questor of the Classis of Long Island, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to that Classis,	33	00
	25	" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, Questor of the Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,	16	75
Mar	25	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d inst.	70	00
May	2	" " of Rev. John Van Liew, Questor of the Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,	7	50
	3	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $5500 due 1st inst.	192	50
	5	" " of William A. Mercein, on account, for the privilege of printing Psalm Book,	125	05
	12	" " of Manhattan Company, for a final dividend on $29 of Franklin Bank notes, insolvent,		29
		" " of Manhattan Company, for interest on stock of the state of N. York, for October quarter, 1836, and January and April quarters last,	36	00
		" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st instant, from James Suydam, $30; Cornelius Duryee, 15	45	00
		" " six month's interest on two bonds for $8300, due 6th inst.	290	50
	19	" " of the following persons, for one year's interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st inst. Jeremiah V. Spader, for '35 and '36, $30; Abraham Van Nest, 300 — 330		
		Carried forward,	13202	07

1837		CR.			
		Brought forward,	330	13202	07
May	19	By cash received from Stephen Van Rensselaer,	300		
		Obadiah Holmes,	15		
		Catelina Oothout,	30		
		John Oothout,	30		
		David L. Haight,	30		
		Richard K. Haight,	30		
		David H. Haight,	30		
				795	00
	27	" " of C. Zabriskie, for a dividend on 23 shares of Bergen turnpike stock,		17	25
	31	" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st inst. from Rev. Dr. Janeway,	$150		
		" David W. Wetmore,	30		
				180	00
June	1	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,		15	50
				$14209	82
	3	By balance brought forward, due to General Synod,		$480	11

Errors excepted,

ISAAC YOUNG, Treasurer.

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct; leaving a balance due to General Synod of four hundred and eighty dollars and eleven cents.

CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Committee.*
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, }

New-York, June 3, 1837.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1837.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds devoted to Education Purposes.

The Van Benschoten Fund.

The amount of this fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds, secured by mortgages upon property in the state of New-Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1837, to	$19,680 00
Balance in his hands on that day,	381 42
Interest due on the same fund on 1st May, 1837,	1,206 30
There has been paid to indigent students, out of this fund, during the past year,	1,165 00

Legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox.

The amount of this fund is $2,000, which is loaned on bond, secured by mortgage, on property in the state of New-Jersey,	$2,000 00
Interest due on this fund on the 1st May, 1837,	120 00
Balance of interest of this fund, in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., on the 1st April, 1837,	47 86
There has been paid to indigent students out of this fund, during the past year,	120 00

Indigent Students' Permanent Fund.

To this fund nothing has been added to the $200 paid by James Bogert, Junior, for its commencement, and it still remains in the permanent fund.

Amount of Scholarships invested by the Board of Direction,	13,300 00

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages on real estate,	$62,500 00
Professoral fund formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transfered by them to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., rendered 13th December, 1836,	3650 00
Six per cent. stock of the state of New-York,	800 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Notes given for subscriptions,	300 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 50
Cash in hand, belonging to the permanent fund,	17 64

Collections in Churches.

During the past year there has been received from this source,	
For the Theological College,	17 62

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year,	94 00
And there has been paid for paper, printing, &c.	239 40

CORNS. HEYER, *President, pro tem.*
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX, }
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 6th June, 1837.

The following resolutions were presented to the Synod and adopted *unanimously.*

Resolved, That this Synod have heard with sincere regret, of the removal, by death, of Isaac L. Kip, Esq., the President of the Board of Corporation.

Resolved, That the long, faithful, and gratuitous services of Mr. Kip, place him among the most valued friends of the Dutch Church.

Resolved, That this Synod tender to his kindred and family their Christian condolence in the loss they and the Church have sustained.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Cornelius Heyer, President; Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Rev. John Knox, D. D., William B. Crosby, Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had complied with the direction of the last General Synod, in relation to the overture of correspondence with the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, and with the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Upper Canada; that he had received no official information from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church; that from the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Upper Canada, an official communication, together with a copy of the "Abstract of the Minutes" of the last session had been received; which were laid before Synod, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. John H. Smaltz and John Rudy, of the German Reformed Church, having appeared in Synod, and presented testimo-

nials of their appointment, took their seats as corresponding members.

The following report was received from the delegates to the German Reformed Synod :

To the Rev. General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The undersigned, your delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, would respectfully report, that we attended the last meeting of said Synod, at Baltimore, in September last. We were most cordially received, and most kindly and fraternally treated by our German brethren. There is very pleasing and abundant evidence that our sister church is rapidly advancing in the order and prosperity of the gospel.

J. H. VAN WAGENEN,
I. P. LABAGH.

Dr. Brownlee laid before Synod a copy of the Minutes of the Session of the United Associate Synod of Scotland, April, 1836.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report—That they have examined the documents submitted to them, and find nothing of a special character necessary to be brought before Synod. The Committee remark in general, that the kindest feelings have been expressed by the corresponding bodies toward the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Committee recommend, that the Rev. W. C. Brownlee, D.D., J. Brodhead, D. D., and the Elder P. D. Vroom, be continued a Committee to maintain the correspondence with the United Associate Synod of Scotland, and that the Stated Clerk transmit a copy of the Minutes of this Synod to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, with an expression of the interest of this body in the welfare of said Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

I. FERRIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to elect the same, when the following were chosen :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church :—Rev. James B. Hardenburgh, and the Elder Frederic Erringer, *primarii;* and the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., and the Elder John D. Keese, *secundi.*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church :—Rev. Benjamin Bassler and James Murphy, *primarii;* and the Rev. John Knox, D. D., and Benjamin C. Taylor, *secundi.*

The following report was received from the delegate to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church :

The subscriber, appointed to represent this body in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, begs leave to report, that he has attended to the duties of his appointment.

JACOB VAN VECHTEN.

New-York, June 10, 1837.

Resolved, That the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., John Knox, D. D., and the Elder Abraham Van Nest, be appointed a Committee to open a correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander Proudfit, Dr. John M'Jimsey, and Dr. Joseph M'Carrell, from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and produced testimonials of their appointment as a committee to meet a similar committee on the part of this Synod, on the subject of a correspondence with said church. Whereupon, it was resolved, that the Committee on Correspondence confer with the above committee from the Associate Reformed Synod.

The Committee reported, and their reported was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Correspondence report, that they have had a conference with the Commissioners from the Associate Reformed Church, and as the result of such conference, the joint committee agree to recommend to their respective bodies the adoption of the following plan of correspondence between the two churches.

1. The Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, and the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, shall each appoint a minister, with an alternate, to sit in the highest judicatories, respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects coming before them, but not of voting.

2. There shall be fraternal intercourse between the ministers of each body, and private members shall be received by each church from the other, on proper credentials, and subject to the rules which govern each in the admission of members.

ALEX. PROUDFIT, JOHN M'JIMSEY, JOSEPH M'CARRELL,	*Com. Asso. R. Church.*
ISAAC FERRIS, EDW'D H. MAY, A. M. MANN, SAMUEL ALLEN,	*Com. of G. S.*

Resolved, That in case the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church should agree to the above plan of correspondence, the Rev. John Knox, D. D., be appointed a delegate to said Synod, and the Rev. A. N. Kittle, be his *secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee of arrangements, consisting of the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., William C. Brownlee, D. D., and E. P. Stimson, and the Elders William R. Thompson and Sevreyn Bruyn.

Resolved, That a synodical prayer meeting be held in the present place of meeting, every morning, at 6 o'clock.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a narrative of the State of Religion, would respectfully submit the following:

The object of such a narrative is to present to the Christian mind, intent upon the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom, a concise view of the condition and progress of the church within our bounds during the year that has closed, her present position, and her future prospect; thus directing the thoughts of God's people to a devout observance of his goodness, imparting new fervor to the affections, and prompting to holier consecration, and more vigorous exertions, if the intelligence be favorable, or, on the other hand, supplying motives for humiliation, and repentance, and prayer. It should, it must be interesting and profitable in a peculiar degree, to every engaged Christian, to be thus assisted in extending his survey beyond the limits of his immediate neighborhood, and in observing what God is doing for the denomination to which he belongs; or in asking, with a wide range of inquiry, what is the progress and promise of the church universal?

Your committee have risen from an examination of the materials out of which this report was to be gathered, with mingled emotions. While they desire gratefully to record the conviction with which they have been impressed, that within our denomination the Lord has evidently been gracious, and the reasons for rejoicing are many, they nevertheless feel that there are many reasons for profound humiliation, and many motives to increased exertion. They regard the admonition of the apostle as peculiarly appropriate, "*Rejoice with trembling.*"

The first topic to which they would direct attention, indicating, as they would humbly hope, the favor of Zion's King towards us, and calling for our devout thanksgiving and praise, is the concord and harmony which in an eminent degree prevail throughout all our boundaries. Our churches are convulsed by no intestine com-

motion, sundered by no angry dissention: the spirit of brotherly love delightfully pervades the entire body, and binds the several members one to another in peaceful action. On all the important points connected with our internal economy, with the purity of our doctrine and discipline, with the expansion of our views and efforts to spread the gospel among the heathen, one spirit seems to animate all hearts, and to as great an extent as can perhaps be expected in the present state of imperfection, "the watchmen see eye to eye." During the past year, as far as our knowledge extends, nothing has occurred adverse to this statement, and nothing contrary at the present time exists. Such a spectacle we contemplate with indescribable pleasure. The simple fact that all is peace and quietness in the church, we are indeed aware is not the certain indication that "all is well." If it spring from indifference to the precious truths of the gospel; or if the spirit of slumber has settled heavily upon the frame, suspending all signs of spiritual life; if our quietude be the result of lethargy, which has crept over the system and locked up our sensibilities in its cold embrace; it is a state calling for any thing but congratulation. To rest satisfied in such a condition, would be the worst possible evil which could afflict an individual or a community. But if our internal tranquility be combined with activity; if, when around clouds darken the skies, and the elements are agitated by storm and tempest, *our* heavens are serene; if peace prevail, Christians are not insensible of their high responsibilities, and the divine spirit is evidently present, here and there dispensing his gracious influences, we have reason for gratitude and praise. Such, at least in a good degree, we would hope is the present state of our church. And shall not every heart, in view of the future, fervently respond the prayer, "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces: For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say peace be within thee: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good."

Another *topic* which claims our rejoicing, is the good disposition manifested in the churches towards the great benevolent operations of the age; and especially, though not exclusively towards those more immediately connected with our own denomination. This feeling, if it has never yet displayed itself to the extent in which all will

acknowledge, it is desirable it should exist, and if it has by no means yet called out that amount of pecuniary benefaction in support of the various societies, which a denomination embracing as much wealth as the Reformed Dutch Church may easily supply, is nevertheless, we rejoice to believe, growing and increasing among us. We think we can distinctly perceive the spirit of benevolent effort deepning and expanding: that the missionary and education societies, with their kindred institutions, are becoming dearer to the hearts of God's people, that they occupy a larger share of their thoughts and prayers: the desire and inquiry are becoming more fervent and more frequent, not simply "Lord what wilt thou have us do" *for ourselves*, but what also for the general interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the salvation of a world sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. We cannot but hope that this spirit, so closely connected as we believe it to be with the best, the spiritual welfare of every church and Christian among us, may be still more quickened and enlarged: that our contributions may be poured forth, by each according to his ability, until it may be said, as Moses said to the children of Israel when they brought their presents for the tabernacle, "Cease, it is enough." There has been, during the year that is passed, a pleasing advance in the amount received by our missionary and education societies beyond the receipts of former years: and for two successive years the amounts have been double those of former years: yet we desire it to be observed by the churches, that for two years last passed the receipts from our own body have not equalled the amount paid by the American Board to our own missionaries. Such, when known, we think will not be suffered long to remain the fact.

In speaking of the spiritual condition of the church, as indicated by the interest displayed in Sabbath schools, and catechetical, and Bible classes, in attendance on the appointed means of grace, and in accessions to her communion, we think the evidences are still favorable. Sabbath schools and Bible instructions, so vitally important to the youth of our charge, and catechetical classes, where, in a systematic form, their minds early imbibe the great truths of the lively oracles, these means, which have been at all periods blessed to the upbuilding of Zion, and at no period more eminently

than within our own recollections, seem generally to be well sustained. Yet is there room for improvement. We cherish the humble but confident expectation, that through them the Lord will train up in our beloved church, a seed to serve him, when the fathers and mothers shall have descended to the silent grave.

The attendance on the sanctuary appears also to have been encouraging throughout the year.

A reference to the statistical tables, shows, that while some churches have remained stationary in point of numbers, and some have been diminished, yet in the aggregate there has been an increase to our communion; sufficient to demand our gratitude to the gracious Saviour of sinners, yet so limited as to call us to humiliation and most importunate and persevering prayer for the larger effusion of his Holy Spirit. In some places pleasing revivals have occurred, which have cheered the souls of saints, and enlarged the subjects of the Cross, and which serve to show us that the Lord has not cast us off, nor "said to us seek ye my face in vain." And even now, when we stood in doubt and could scarce interpret God's dealings through the year, whether they were imports of mercy or of judgment in store, we are most affectingly called to rejoice that he draws near, and that to bless. Synod have heard the intensely interesting statements respecting the outpouring of the spirit upon the college at New-Brunswick: that spot which of all others should be most dear to our church; now doubly dear, gathering around it the holiest sympathies, and quickening the pleading prayers of parents, ministers, and churches, while our beloved youth are born into the kingdom. It is the answer to prayer: we asked it: yet of little faith, we scarce expected it: we have been inquiring why we have so few candidates for the ministry: and on the survey of our vacant churches and of the wide fields yet to be occupied by our efforts, how shall they be supplied? And lo! at an unlooked for moment, and in a way sovereign and his own, our covenant God has undertaken for us. Well does it become us to exclaim, *what has God wrought!* Nearly all the youth of our college indulging the hope that they have passed from death unto life, is a spectacle to subdue our hearts. Lord we are humbled, we are dumb before thee. Our only prayer is, glorify thyself: still bless the youth of our hopes: continue and

extend this blessing, until all our churches feel its power, and it cover the whole land. We deeply feel that these kind discoveries of Almighty love, impose solemn obligations on ministers and people throughout our entire boundaries; and that all should be stirred up to plead with the God of grace, that the present may be but as the small drops before a plentiful shower.

But we would advert to other subjects which loudly claim the attention of Synod, and of the church. There exists, within our limits, as appears from the reports of the several classes, an unusual number of vacant churches; and if they were ready to settle pastors, we know not on which side to look for an adequate supply. The graduating class in the seminary can furnish but few: and even should any considerable portion of the subjects of the present revival in the college, direct their attention to the ministry, much time must necessarily intervene before they become prepared for the pastoral office. This subject calls for solemn reflection, for humiliation and prayer. Amidst all our pleasing prospects, are we still destined to feel, "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of the word of life?" Are our flocks to be scattered as sheep without a shepherd? We will not distrust him who has already begun to appear in our behalf: but it is evident that our thoughts should be directed solicitously to this point, and that we must look, for a season at least, to foreign sources of supply. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest: men after his own heart, to break to the people the bread of life.

We think also that we have perceived, for some time past, a spirit of worldliness, of wordly conformity and the too ardent pursuit of worldly riches, creeping into the church, diverting the minds of Christians to a painful degree, from the responsibilities of their high vocation, and withering the spirituality of their religion. It is not indeed, wonderful, that the spirit which had seized and pervaded all classes of the community, (a spirit now signally rebuked by Divine Providence,) should also have spread its contagion to the church. But we mourn, we weep over it, and anxiously desire that present disastrous events may be over-ruled for good, and recall Christians from a disposition to trust in uncertain riches, to a sense of

dependance on God: may inflame their desires after more substantial possessions and holier joys.

Of the state of religion among the churches in correspondence with us, we can add but a word. From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, no delegates have appeared. In the German Reformed Church, whose delegates have taken their seats among us, the cause of our common Lord seems to be advancing with a pleasing progress. We cherish this fraternal intercourse, we rejoice in their prosperity, we pray that God's spirit may go before them, and his arm be their stay: for we will not forget, we wish not to forget, that we have one Lord, one faith, one hope, and as far as we are Christ's, shall meet in the same heaven, there to mingle our alleluias to God and the Lamb.

In conclusion, we would press upon the Synod and upon our church members, the duty of putting forth new exertions, exercising a more perfect dependance on God, becoming more single in their aims, and abounding more fully in prayer, and in the work of the Lord. What interests are entrusted to our hands! How much is to be done! And how short and fleeting the time allotted to us in which to labor for the Saviour, for the salvation of immortal souls around us, for the conversion of the world, for our own salvation. "The night cometh in which no man can work." To these exhortations an affecting emphasis is given, on the review of the past year. "The fathers where are they? And the prophets, do they live for ever?" Of the ministry and eldership, several of the most beloved, useful, and conspicuous, have been called to exchange the scenes, employments and associations of time, for the companionship and enjoyments of heaven. While we drop the tear of afflicted but submissive affection over their memories, let us hear and obey the voice which proceeds from the graves of departed saints, "Be ye also ready:" let us attend to the exhortation of holy truth, "Whose faith follow; considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to day, and for ever."

By order of the Committee,

T. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
New-York City	John Knox W. C. Brownlee Thos. DeWitt	450	2500	1010	24	23	20	1	11	1025	39	5			7	462	227	
Franklin street	George Dubois	255	1400	412	9	9	10		7	413	30	1	150		1	180	140	
Broome street	J. Brodhead	235		373	22	10	7		3	395	23	4	200		2	300	180	
Houstoun street	Eli Baldwin	140	700	172														
Greenwich	N. I. Marselus, S. C.	300	1600	377	6	22	12		3	390	26		90	40	2	290	205	54 Hammond st.
Ninth street																		
North street	G. Bourne, S. S.				2		9		1	40	2	2						
Twenty-first street																		
Harlaem	Vacant																	
Staten-Island	J. Brownlee	178	880	102	1	9	2		2	108	27				1	84	70	Cityville, Staten-Island.
Tarrytown and Unionville	Vacant	132	760							151					2			
Bloomingdale	E. Van Akin	62	300	32	5	1	1		2	35	5				1	60	35	New-York.
Fordham	P. I. Van Pelt	86	360	33	4	2				38	5		46					

Ministers without charge—Rev. G. Bourne, S. Supply in North street, Abraham I. Labagh, ministering in St. Thomas, W. I. C. C. Vermeule, D. D., John Mulligan, Ava Neal, and P. Van Zandt.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tompkinsville,	John E. Miller,	72	360	81	4	5			1	89	25		27	33		83		
South D. Church,	J. M. Matthews, M. S. Hutton,																	
Market street,	I. Ferris,	180	1100	388	23	13	17		6	401	10	6	10			213		
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,			30	8	10	2		2	46	7					250		
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	78	385	99	7	2	2		1	105	11	1	20			60		
Courtlandtown,	C. D. Westbrook,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. John Al Burtis, David S. Bogart, James B. Ambler, Richard V. Dey, and Charles Knouse.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended,	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
New-Brunswick,	S. B. Howe,	350	1925	400	15	17	17			415	31	4			4			New-Brunswick,
Six Mile Run,	J. C. Sears,	190	1000	276	17	2	2	1	3	389	27	1	150		5	250		Six Mile Run,
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,	100		241	11	3	6		1	248	21		172		4	261		Millstone,
Raritan,	A. Messler,	170	941	242	7	14	7		3	253	26	2	100		5	265		Somerville,
Bedminister,	I. M. Fisher,	200	1200	250	10	7	9	1	5	252	28	2	180	180	7	290		Pluckemin,
North Branch,	A. D. Wilson,	75	495	83	2	9	2			92	31	4	40		1	65		North Branch,
Rockaway,	P. S. Williamson,	90	450	100	2	3	13		1	91	23		40		4	86	40	Whitehouse,
Lebanon,	C. P. Wack,	85	464	112	4		5		3	108	20		78		4	180	49	Lebanon,
Spottswood,	J. C. Van Liew,	175	900	113		4	1	2	2	112	7		20		5	125		Spottswood,
Freehold,	J. Otterson,	143	540	137	2		4		5	130	33	1						Freehold,
Middletown,	Vacant,																	
2d Ch., Somerville,	C. Whitehead, S. C.	93	537	107	6	17	1		1	128	24	1	60		4	150		Somerville,
Middlebush,	J. L Schultz,	54	344	53	5	21	4			75	13		53		3	129	27	Middlebush,
Middletown Village,	Vacant,																	

Without charge—Rev. J. J. Janeway, D. D., J. S. Maybin, J. T. B. Beekman, and J. F. Morris.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
Bergen,	B. C. Taylor, S. C.	205	1100	216	4	1	3		2	216	23		35	30	1	170		Bergen, Bergen Co. N.J.
English Neighborhood,	P. Duryea, D. D.	82	350	67	1	2	2		1	67	8				2			Eng. Neighborhood "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner,	125	550		3	3			1	105	23	1	40		1	100		Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg,		179	889	178	5		2		4	178	13							Hackensack, "
Belville,	A. H. Myers,	130	640	149	7	11	5	2	4	155	12	1			3			Belville, "
Stonehouse Plains, Jersey City,	M. Lusk,	55	250		2	7	7			57	4	1	40		1	150	60	Jersey City, "
Pompton,	I. S. Demund,	150		120	1	1	2		2	117	9		78		4	130		Pompton, "
Pompton Plains, Ponds, Preakness, Wyckoff,	Z. H. Kuypers,																	Pompton, "
Fairfield,	A. Bronson,	170	1000	139	2		2		2	137	17				2	85	75	Little Falls, "
Montville,		100	500							85	3				1	50	40	Montville, "
Bergen Neck,	I. C. Boice,	75	400	46	1	3				50	17				2	80	60	102 Nassau st. N. Y.
Newark,	R. Wells,	150	850	126	15	35	7		1	169	20	4	200			260	220	Newark, N. J.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, and Jacob Ennis, Missionary in Batavia, Java.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Certificate	Recd On Confession	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tappan,	Isaac D. Cole,	160	800	163	11	3	3		3	171	16		100					Tappan, Rockland Co.
Clarkstown*	Peter J. Quick,	150	700	174	3	5	2		1	179	17		40					Clarkstown, "
Saddle River and Pascack,	John Manley,																	Pascack, Bergen Co. N.J.
Paramus,	W. Eltinge,																	Aquacknonk, N. J.
1st R. D. C. of Totowa,	John C. Vandevoort,	152		165	11	19	2			193	22	2		40	1	200		Paterson, "
2d do do	John A. Liddle, S. C.	145	570	142	14	21	2		1	174	26			30	1	130		" "
Aquacknonk,	Wm. R. Bogardus,	200	1100	188		5	1			192	17				2			Aquacknonk, "
West New-Hempstead & Ramapo,	*Vacant,	60		58	2	24			2	84					1			
	*Vacant,	70		63	2	2	5		1	61	8	1			2			Ramapo, Rockland Co.
Warwick,	Benjamin Van Keuren	80	700		4	3	1		3		1	2		20	2	60		Warwick.

Rev. John I. Christie, without a charge.

* As reported last year.

CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Brooklyn,	M. W. Dwight,	130	800		4	8	10		3		15				4	200		Brooklyn.
New-Utrecht,	R. O. Currie,	85	475	78	18	5	6		2	93	14	5	67	60	3	160	140	Fort Hamilton.
Gravesend,	I. P. Labagh,	93	500	64	1	1			2	65	27							Flatbush.
Flatlands,	John A. Baldwin,	85	500		2	2	2		4	80	13		35	50	2	90		do
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	100	650	117	4	6	1		3	123	6	1	25	20	2	151	92	do
New-Lots,	John A. Baldwin,	75	450		3		1		2	60	9		30	30	1	70	60	do
Williamsburgh,	James Demarest, S. C.	62	300	59	4	7			1	69	13			60	1	100	80	Williamsburgh.
Newtown,	G. I. Garretson,	80	500	90	5	2	2	1	3	92	20		47	36	2	90	75	Newtown.
Jamaica,	Jacob Schoonmaker,	155	850	146	6	5	4	1	3	149	29		40	50	4	110	85	Jamaica.
North Hempstead,	John Robb,	49	200	37	3	1			3		5		41	10				Cow-Neck.
Oyster Bay,	R. A. Quin,																	Cedar-Swamp.
*2d Church, Brooklyn.	J. Garretson, S.Supply.				4	20				24					1			Brooklyn.

Minister without charge—Rev. W. H. Campbell.

* This Church was organized, March 3d, 1837.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
North Branch,	J. Van Liew,	200	1000	241	5	4	8		5	237	35		90	60		230		Centreville, N. J.
Harlingen,	P. Labagh,	140	700	253	10	9	5	2	2	263	29	2	80	100	5	331		Harlingen.
New-Shannack,	G. Ludlow,	190		182	4	2	4	2	4	178	20	1	100	80	5	125		Flagtown.
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	125	660	194	4	2	3		2	195	10	2			4	100		Newtown, Pa.
1st Church Philadelph.	J. B. Hardenburgh,																	
2d " "																		
Mannayunk,	S. A. Bumstead, S. C.	90	400	113	6	5	9			138	5	1	50	40	1	200	147	Mannayunk,
Blawenburgh,	J. R. Talmadge,	82	530		3	4	2		3	135	7							Blawenburgh.
Mount Pleasant,	J. R. Vanarsdale,	60	280	13	7	8	1			27	10	1	26		1	25	20	Whitehouse.
Clover-Hill,		26	170	15	4	4	1			22	2	1	12	13	1	40	25	Clover-Hill.
Roxborough,		40	250		20	13				23	1	5	20		1	60	50	

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bapt. C. & B.C. Infants.	Bapt. C. & B.C. Adults.	Bapt. C. & B.C. Number of Catechumens.	Bapt. C. & B.C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	S. Schools. Number of Schools	S. Schools. Total Number of Scholars.	S. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
Poughkeepsie,	S. A. Van Vranken,																	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill,	F. M. Kip, S. C.	98		114	1	6	3	1	2	115	5	1						Fishkill.
New-Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	700	180	2	2	1		1	182	1	1						New-Hackensack.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,																	Fishkill.
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,	75	350	156	3		*7		2	150	5	1						Fishkill Landing.
Hyde Park,	Vacant,																	
Rhinebeck,	Vacant,																	
Linlithgow,	J. H. Van Wagenen,	165	1035	143	6	3	4		1	149	13			25	4			Livingston.
Greenbush and	H. Vedder,				3						13							Pine Plains.
Tagkanick,					2						10							
Red Hook,	Vacant,																	
Red Hook Landing,	Vacant,																	
Mount Pleasant,	J. W. Hangen,	100	450	28							2							Germantown.
G. R. Sanctity Ch.	do	120	500							150								
Glenham,	Vacant,																	

Without charge—Rev. F. B. Thompson, Missionary to Java.

* Dismissed to form a R. D. Church at Glenham.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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1st. R. D. Albany,	T. E. Vermilye, S. C.	225	1300	322	10	15	5		3	339	10	1	130		1			Albany.
2d do do	I. N. Wyckoff,	205	1050	328	4	15	20		8	319	8		122		3			do
3d do do	E. Holmes,	72	320	64	9	10	2		2	79	12		50	50	1	150	100	do
Bethlehem,	S. Kissam,	145	800	260	6	1	2		2		10							Bethlehem.
Jerusalem,	do	65	300		4	1			4	114	10		12					do
Union,	S. V. E. Westfall,	95	565	114	4													New-Scotland.
Salem,	do	71	395	92	1		8		4	79	17							do
Gibbonsville,	Vacant,																	Watervliet.
2d Ch. Berne,	do																	East-Berne.
Westerlo,	do																	Westerlo,
Coeymans,	do																	Coeymans.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Ashokan,	T. A. Ammerman,			94														Caseville,
Bloomingdale,	Vacant,					5			4	61	10							
Clove,	do	120	750	109	1	1	1		4	106	10				1			Keyserike,
Dashville Falls,	do																	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,	Abraham Fort,	166	996	265	5		6		2	262	26							Esopus.
Flatbush and				228														Saugerties.
Platekill,	P. A. Overbagh,																	
Guilford,	Wm. Brush,	130		51	4	1	3			50	6		50	50	3	100		New-Hurley.
Hurley,	Wm. Riley,																	
Kingston,	J. Lillie,				10	6					29			50	4			Kingston.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.	200	1200	134	1	6	6	1		134	6				1			Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	D. Van O'Linda,	250	1375	204	1	3	2		1	204	31							New-Paltz.
Rochester,	B. B. Westfall,	300	1897	252	2	2	8		2	246	29							Accord,
Saugerties,	H. Ostrander,	200	1200	306	11	6	7		10	306	28	2						Saugerties.
Woodstock,	Vacant,			150														Woodstock.

Ministers without charge—Rev. N. Bogardus; H. E. Waring, candidate.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Kinderhook,	Vacant,																	Kinderhook,
Claverack,	Richard Sluyter,	215	1420	504	5	5	6		5	503	26					125		Claverack.
Nassau,	C. Hunt, S. C.	151			5	7	13	1	5	220	8	1						Nassau.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimson,	245	1520	283	7	3	3		3	287	19	2						
Blooming Grove,	S. Ostrander,	116	453	76	1	1	4		4	70	5					20		Defriestville.
Ghent,	P. S. Wynkoop,																	Ghent.
Hillsdale,	do																	
Stuyvesant,	A. N. Kittle,	100			13	26	5		3	103	17	5				90		Stuyvesant.
Schodack,	John Gray,																	Schodack Landing.
Hudson,	G. H. Fisher,	70	430		7	16			1	29	7							Hudson.
Marshalville,	Vacant,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Jacob Sickles, D. D., Henry Hermans, and Staats Van Santford.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
Argyle,	Vacant,																	
Easton,	Vacant,	55	290		2	6	5	2	1	86		1			3	60	35	Easton, Wash'n Co.*
Fort Miller,	Jos. Parry,	52	280	112	1	4	6	1		110	2	1						Fort Miller, do.
Jackson,	Wm. Pitcher,	40	290		2	6	4		4	49	2							Battenville, do.
Northumberland,	E. H. May,	47	235	59	3		1			61	3					40		Schuylerville, Saratoga
Saratoga,	Do.	65	325	79	6	6	2			89	1					45		Do. do. [Co.
Schagticoke,	H. M. Boyd,	64	300	93	2		9		2	84	4				3	80	60	Junction Office, Rens'r
Tyoshoke,	J. H. Pitcher.	53	290	74		2				71	2			20		30		Buskirk'sBr. Wash.Co.
Union Village,	B. Van Zandt,	70	250		8	1	14	4	5	180	4	3		45		75		Union Village do.
Waterford,	E. Slingerland, S. C.	80	440	63	3	6			1	71	2					60		Waterford.
Wynantskiln,	Do.	45	225	40												40		Do.

Minister without charge—Rev. James W. Stewart.

* Address P. K. Wills.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Florida,	J. Stevenson,	200		200	46	3				249	11		25			130		
Stone Arabia,	Vacant,																	
St. Johnsville,	J. Murphy, S. C.	165	850	136	3				2	137	10		6			60		
Manheim,†	Vacant,	125	625															
Herkimer,	J. P. Spinner,			263	6				6		39							
German Flatts,	do	63		149					9		9							
Canajoharie,	S. Robertson,	125	625			7	7	4		72						45		
Fort-Plain,	J. P. Pepper,	70	300	32	9	12	2			50	4					125		
Ephrata,	Vacant,	225	1200	105			2											
Caughnawaga,	J. D. Fonda,			150	19	13			6	174	5	8				180		
Bowman's Creek,	Vacant.																	
Columbia,	do																	
Glen,	do																	
Warren,	do																	
Charlestown,	do																	
Frankfort,	do																	
Currytown,	do																	
Mapletown,	do																	
Union Church,	do																	

† Minister without charge—Rev. A. Van Horne.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
Gilboa,	Winslow Page,				4		3		2	100	10				4	120		Gilboa.
New-Rhinebeck,	B. Bassler, S. C.	109	530	125					1	124	9							Lawyerville.
Sharon,	do	140	750	217	2	2	2		2	217	21				1	50	20	Leesville,
Middleburgh,	J. B. Steele,	77		162			1		1	162					2			Middleburgh.
Cobleskill,	Vacant,																	Cobleskill.
1st Church, Berne,	R. D. Van Kleeck,	140	900	159	2	2	6		4	153	13	1			5	300	250	Berne, Albany co.
Beaverdam,	do	120	720	139			4			135	8				1	100	70	do
Schoharie,	J. M. Scribner,																	Schoharie C. H.
Breakabeen,	Vacant,																	Breakabeen.
Blenheim,	do																	Bleinheim.
Conesville,	do																	Conesville,
Schoharie Mountain,	do																	Punchkill.

Ministers without charge—Rev. Isaac Labagh, James E. Quaw, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to Java.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	359	8	6	15		10	348	9	1				348		Schenectady,
Amity,	A. B. Chittenden, S. C.	100	523	141	1	2	1		1	138	13		15			75		Visscher's Ferry.
Niskeyuna,	H. A. Raymond,	140		233	8	10	2		3	241	25	3	62			144		Watervliet Centre.
1st Glenville,	S. Bunnell,																	
2d Glenville,	H. B. Stryker,	130	800	73	9		3		6	77	8							Schenectady,
1st Rotterdam,	Vacant,																	
2d Rotterdam,	J. Boyd,	106	573	99	5		2		3	99	5							Schenectady.
Helderburgh,	Thomas Frazer,	102		190	3	12	6		6	193	21	1						Guilderland.
Princeton,	Vacant,																	
Boght,	C. Bogardus,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, Wm. Familton, John A. Yates, and Robert T. Blair.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.	96	500	132	6	5	2		3	137	15	1	70		4	200	120	Walden.
Bloomingburgh,	S. Van Vechten,	150	700	174	10				3		9	5						Bloomingburgh.
Hew Hurley,	F. H. Vanderveer,	200	1200	162	8		2		1	167	34							New-Hurley.
Montgomery,	Robert P. Lee.	300		435	7	2	11		2	431	32	1	200	146	6	320		Montgomery.
Warwarsing,																		Ellenville.
Shawangunk,	J. H. Bevier,	220	1300	155	4	2	8		6	147	23	1	130	100	6	259	200	Bruynswick.
New Prospect,				113	3	8	1	1	1		16		118					Ulsterville.
Fallsburgh,	A. Eggleston,	40	120	21	2		2			21	9				2	30	20	Woodbourne.
Newburgh,	W. Cruickshank,																	
Mahakamack and Minisink,	C. C. Eltinge,						5	1	2	166	7							
Wallapach,	J. B. Hyndshaw,	250	1500	174	5	1	1		1	176	36		60					Bushkill.
Wurtsborough,										24								Wurtsborough.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Catskill,	J. Romeyn,				7	3				194	15	4						Catskill,
Leeds and Kiskatom,	B. Hoff, S. C.	112	500		5				3		9			30		120		Leeds.
1st Coxsackie,	J. Searle,	200	1050	300	8	2	3		4	301	15	2		25		240		Coxsackie.
2d Coxsackie,	W. Cahoone, Jr.	50	250		8	9	4			58	6	2		40		120		do.
Athens,	J. Wynkoop,	100	450													60		Athens.
Roxbury and Moresville.		70	350															Roxbury, Moresville.
New-Baltimore.																		New-Baltimore.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA—No Report.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes ask leave to report—That they find an appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, made to the General Synod, by the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, in the case of the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge and C. S. Van Wagenen, from a decision of the Classis of Paramus, in the case of Cornelius A. Hopper and others. See page 23 of Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 19. Mr. Bogardus gave notice of his intention to appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod to the General Synod, in relation to a complaint made by the Rev. Mr. Bogardus, concerning the conduct of the Classis of Schenectady, in the reception and installation of the Rev. Seth Bunnel, as pastor of the First Church of Glenville. Your committee also inform Synod that the complaint is now laid on the table by Mr. Bogardus, for the consideration of Synod.

Your committee find on page 533 of the Minutes of the General Synod, 1836, that a committee was appointed to prepare a selection of sacred music, which may be recommended to general use among our congregations.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, page 6, a resolution "that the General Synod be requested to inquire whether it would not promote the interest, and especially the convenience of all concerned, to have the Classis of Orange transferred from the Northern to the Southern Synod.

Your committee also find, that the seats of several of the members of the Board of Superintendents have become vacant by death or removals, viz:

Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, from the Classis of Poughkeepsie.
Rev. James Romeyn, from the Classis of Bergen.
Rev. Robert Bronk, of the Classis of Albany.
Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, from the Classis of Greene.

Extracts from the Minutes of the several Classes, on the subject of the Widows' Fund, are found on page 20 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York; and on page 6 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany.

On the Minutes of the Synod of Albany, your committee find the name of Severenus Seeber recommended to the General Synod, as a suitable person to receive aid from some fund of Synod.

JAS. MURPHY, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the transfer of the Classis of Orange be referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Maurice W. Dwight, Robert P. Lee, Garret I. Garretson, and the Elder Thomas Talmadge.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed in relation to the transfer of the Classis of Orange, from the Northern to the Southern Synod, which suggestion appears on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, would respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as it does not appear the proposed transfer has ever been submitted to the Classis of Orange, nor the Particular Synod of Albany, it is inexpedient for the General Synod to take any action in the premises.

THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the recommendation of certain persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following report was received from the Committee on Overtures:

The Committee on Overtures report that nothing has come before them.

M. W. DWIGHT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Synod proceeded to consider the Appeal of the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, from the decision of Particular Synod of New-York, in May, 1836, in the case of the appeal of the Rev. W. Eltinge and C. S. Van Wagenen, from a decision of the Classis of Paramus, in the case of Cornelius A. Hopper and others, so far as the same relates to the Consistory of Paramus.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order:

1. The *appeal* and *reasons* of appeal were read.
2. The *documents* in the case were read.
3. The *appellants* were heard in support of their appeal by the Rev. W. Eltinge.
4. The *Synod* were heard in defence of their decision by the Rev. Dr. Knox, who had been appointed a commissioner for this purpose.

Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, excluding from a vote such as had voted in the case either in Classis or Particular Synod.

The following resolution was made and seconded:

In the case of the appeal by the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York,

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained, and that the decision of the Particular Synod be affirmed.

The question being taken on this motion, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

Certain requests were presented to Synod on behalf of the Consistory of Paramus, by their Commissioner, in relation to the above decision, the consideration of which was indefinitely postponed.

Synod proceeded to consider the complaint of the Rev. Cornelius Bogardus in relation to the proceedings of the Classis of Schenectady, in receiving and installing the Rev. Seth Bunnel, as pastor of the First Church of Glenville.

The complaint was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the complaint of the Rev. Mr. Bogardus be entertained. When it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. E. Holmes, Isaac Fisher, and A. N. Kittle, and the Elder C. L. Hardenburgh.

A petition was received from the Rev. Thomas Frazer, a member of the Classis of Schenectady, in relation to the subject contained in the above complaint, which was referred to the committee on the said complaint.

The committee on the complaint of the Rev. C. Bogardus reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the complaint of the Rev. C. Bogardus, and the petition of the Rev. T. Frazer, in relation to the action of the Classis of Schenectady, in the case of Seth Bunnel, beg leave to present the following:

In his communication to this Synod the complainant sets forth certain acts of the Classis of Schenectady, which he believes to be opposed to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church. He represents that said Classis received from an association with which this Synod is not in correspondence, the Rev. Seth Bunnel, and installed him pastor of a church within their bounds. That said Classis had evidence before them, that Mr. B. had pursued no regular course of theological studies, but had received licensure to preach the gospel before the completion of his collegiate course.

Your committee are furnished with no testimony in the case upon which to found an opinion, and possess no information relative to the subject, further than that derived from the statement of the complainant. They are, however, deeply impressed with the importance of the subject herein involved, and feel that this Synod should give a decided expression of their views in relation to similar cases. They believe that these subjects are intimately connected with the purity and peace of the church; with the welfare of our theological school; and with the just expectations of our candidates for the ministry. Your committee are decidedly of the opinion, that this Synod cannot guard with too much strictness the

avenues to the church, and especially at this period, cannot use too much caution in the reception of ministers from ecclesiastical bodies with which we are not in correspondence.

The committee believe, and would recommend it as an expression of the sense of this Synod, that the conduct of any Classis, proceeding in such a manner as is represented by the complainant in this case, is highly censurable, and deeply to be deplored; that it endangers the purity of the church, and proves injurious to our theological school.

The committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be directed to yield a strict compliance to the rule of the Constitution in relation to the presence of a *deputatus* at examinations.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod enjoins upon the Consistories of the several churches strictly to adhere to the article of the Constitution in relation to the standing committee of Classis in relation to vacant congregations.

For preserving the church from the introduction of unsound doctrine—

3. *Resolved*, That no minister from a body not in correspondence with us, shall be admitted into our church unless he be a regular graduate of a College, or give evidence of such literary qualifications as would entitle him to a diploma, and shall have pursued a course of theological study for three years, or what in the opinion of General Synod shall be considered an equivalent.

4. *Resolved*, That every such minister be thoroughly examined in presence of the Classis and a *deputatus synodi*, on theology and church government, and shall not be received unless the views of such minister shall accord with the standards of the church.

5. *Resolved*, That no foreign minister shall be received by any Classis unless he shall have undergone a probation of one year under the care of a Classis, and shall then present the same testimonials, and undergo the same examination as an applicant from a church not in correspondence.

6. *Resolved,* That if any minister, not of our church, shall preach in any vacancy within the bounds of a Classis, without permission from the standing committee, to guard against the introduction of unsound doctrine, (chap. I. art. I. sec. 20), it shall be considered a valid objection against the admission of such minister into the Classis.

7. *Resolved,* That the complaint of the Rev. C. Bogardus, against the Classis of Schenectady, for the reception of Rev. Seth Bunnel, as a member of that body, be referred to the Particular Synod of Albany for their revision.

8. *Resolved,* That the Board of Missions of General Synod be instructed not to make any appropriations in behalf of any person laboring in any vacancy within our bounds, unless he shall have been regularly licensed to preach the gospel, and only then when the established rules of the board shall have been complied with.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. HOLMES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

Whereas difficulties frequently arise from the disappointments of *deputati* regularly notified, and frequent complaints are made, therefore

Resolved, That whenever a *deputatus,* regularly notified, finds himself unable to attend, that he be bound to give notice of the same, as soon as practicable, to the President of Classis.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Whereas it appears from the statistical tables of the different Classes that catechetical instruction is greatly neglected in certain sections of the church, therefore

Resolved, That the different Classes be directed to give their special attention to this subject, so that as far as possible, the youth

in all our congregations may enjoy the benefit of pastoral catechetical instruction, according to the provisions of the standards of our church.

The Rev. Dr. Brownlee, by request, delivered an address before Synod on the subject of Romanism, on the sixth day of the session; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the Rev. Dr. Brownlee, for his able and excellent address, delivered before Synod, on the subject of Popery.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The following report was received from the Board of Education of the Synod, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church respectfully report to Synod, that the following scholarships have been endowed, and are now productive, viz:—

1. Van Rensselaer. 2. Rutgers. 3. William Patterson Van Rensselaer. 4. Cornell. 5. Wyckoff. 6. Heyer. 7. Margaret Burges. The Stryker scholarship is in a course of accumulation.

There are now under the care of the board, forty beneficiaries, which exhibits an increase in the aggregate number in the course of the year of six. That our list is annually increasing in any degree, is an encouraging circumstance. But when we consider that many of these have but just entered upon a course of study, the successful prosecution of which must necessarily consume many years; that during this period, some of them may go down to an early grave, or be compelled to relinquish their studies by sickness; some perhaps change their purpose, and devote themselves to some other course of life, and some be stricken from the list for want of requisite moral and intellectual qualifications; while nearly, if not quite the

whole number now looking forward to the ministry in our denomination, are at this moment needed to supply our vacant churches, without leaving us a man through whom to respond to the cry for help, coming towards us from the four winds, and waxing louder and more agonizing every day—when all these things are considered, how irresistible, how painful is the conviction, that the number of our young men who are disposed to consecrate themselves to the ministry, is very small, compared with what it should be.

It is a lamentable and somewhat surprising circumstance, that, while our church has enjoyed such extensive revivals of religion, while she has drank so largely of the spirit of the age, and while she has come up with such increasing energy to the help of the Lord, in all those enterprises which tend to the salvation of a lost world; she should notwithstanding, have remained stationary for fourteen years in that very respect, upon which her efficiency under God depends, more than upon any thing else, viz:—in the number of her pious youth who resort to her fountain of instruction, with the view of preparing themselves for the gospel ministry. This fact appears from the annual reports rendered to Synod, respecting the state of the seminary, and it is one at which it is high time that the church should look with deep solicitude. One conclusion to be drawn from it, is too obvious to be passed over by Synod without attracting its special notice, viz: That the church has in a great measure neglected one of her most important duties, that of directing the thoughts and feelings of her pious youth to the claims of Christ and perishing souls upon them in the gospel ministry.

Believing, as we do, and as we are warranted to do, from the history of the church, from the experience of present times, and especially from the word of God, that the preaching of the gospel, by a living ministry, is the chief of all the instrumentalities which God designs to employ in the salvation of the world; we cannot avoid the conclusion, that the rearing of such a ministry is one of the most important duties which the church owes to herself and to her exalted head. And as such a ministry, properly qualified, cannot now be expected in a miraculous way, as our church wisely requires such qualifications in her ministry, as can only be acquired by a ong and thorough course of training; she ought not only to have

provided the means of such training, but to have sought out her pious gifted sons, and to have affectionately and earnestly urged upon them the importance of consecrating their lives and all their gifts to the service of Christ in the gospel ministry. How this long neglected duty can now be most effectually performed, is a question which the board would commend to the attention of Synod as one of the most important that can come before it.

A communication was received from a number of our beneficiaries at New-Brunswick, stating that the annual amount of their appropriation is very inadequate to meet their necessary expenses, that they are consequently subject to much perplexing embarrassment in their financial concerns, and respectfully petitioning that the appropriation allowed them may be increased: in reference to which, the board passed the following resolution.

Resolved, That this board apply to the General Synod at its next meeting, for permission to place its beneficiaries in this respect, upon a footing with those on the Van Benschoten Fund.

"The board in receiving beneficiaries, require a certificate from the church to which the applicant belongs, expressing their conviction of his promising talents and piety, and also certifying his indigence. But if the applicant appear before the classis within whose bounds he resides, and after a personal examination by them, receives their recommendation to the board, such recommendation will be deemed sufficient, without the personal appearance of the applicant before the board. Semi-annual certificates from the instructors, as to the literary proficiency and moral and religious standing of the beneficiaries are required. The board are desirous that the classis within whose bounds the beneficiaries may be commencing their elementary studies, should take special direction and supervision."

The amount of receipts, as will appear from the treasurer's report accompanying this, is $3,614 81, and the expenditures during the year, have been $2,768, leaving a balance of $846 81, now in the treasury. The board has been enabled to meet all its obligations during the year, though not without occasional embarrassment and inability to fulfil them as punctually as could be desired; and although the balance now in the treasury is somewhat larger than it was last year, yet if the number of beneficiaries should continue to

increase, if the amount appropriated to each should be enlarged, and if the present derangement of business should continue so seriously to affect our commercial towns, more effort will need to be made in the agricultural districts of our church, or the operations of this board will soon become embarrassed: nevertheless confiding for resources in him whose are the silver and the gold, it is fully determined to extend a helping hand to every young man, who properly recommended, may seek it.

The following are the persons whose term of service expires, viz: John Knox D. D., Mr. S. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. John D. Keese.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DUBOIS,

Cor. Sec'ry.

A report was received from the treasurer of the Board of Education.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service had expired. On counting the votes, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. John Knox, D. D., Stephen Van Rensselaer, and John D. Keese.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report—

That this branch of the benevolent operations of our church is in a prosperous condition; and it affords us just reasons for entertaining very pleasing hopes relative to the future welfare and prosperity of our branch of the Reformed Church of Christ.

That *seven* scholarships have been fully endowed, and are now productive; and the eighth is in the course of being completed. It would, no doubt, be productive of much benefit, were the subject of scholarships, more prominently brought into view, and held up to the friends of Zion, who are willing and able to show their zeal in the holy cause of education and the ministry of Christ. Were the subject respectfully and prudently suggested to those who are disposing of their temporalities, no doubt can be entertained that many

more scholarships might, within a few years, be endowed. And what a delightful thought to be entertained by the sincere Christian and ardent lover of his church,—that, by yielding up to the service of that God from whom he has received his all, a portion of his inheritance, to be endowed in a scholarship, he can, in the providence of God, long after he is in his grave, continually be sending out a succession of well trained pious ministers of Jesus, to gather in souls to the Lord. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the ministers and the elders of our church, to bring prominently into view, on all suitable occasions, the subject of theological and literary scholarships; and that they prudently urge it on those of their flocks and personal friends, to remember the cause of God when disposing of their temporal affairs; and impress particularly upon them the duty of endowing scholarships in our theological institution.

The Board of Education has, at present, under its care, forty hopeful beneficiaries. This, we are happy to say, is an increase of *six* on our list of youth, over that of last year, seeking the holy ministry. But, when we consider that even of this number, some, perhaps many, may never reach the arena of labor and usefulness; when we call to mind our numerous and pressing demands at home, and abroad; when we listen with painful anxiety to the cry for help, swelling louder and louder in our ears, from all quarters, how exceedingly painful is it to us all, that so few of our literary and ingenuous youth are coming up to the help of the Lord's cause, and the salvation of immortal souls!

It was of course, with the highest feelings of delight and thankfulness, to the King of Zion, that your committee, and we trust all our brethren, heard, the other morning, the detail given by a brother, of the truly happy and highly interesting state of things in our literary institution at New-Brunswick. Believing, as we do, that this work has the scriptural marks and attributes of a genuine revival, under the love and power of the Holy Ghost, we cannot but indulge the fond hope, while we humbly pray to our God that this hope may be realized by his grace, that many, very many of the youth now pursuing their literary studies, and those also who shall succeed

them in our college, may be constrained into the ministry, by their Master's love. May the gracious Lord of his church mercifully grant this favor to our beloved Zion! Then should we see the waste places of our church revive and blossom as the rose. Our Missionary Boards would not then be compelled to give the painful denial of a servant of God, to those who send the heart-rending cry to them, "*Come over and help us.*" And our Reformed Church, no longer remaining stationary, as we have done, these fourteen years, in point of numbers of our theological students, shall have youth in abundance, to fill our vacancies, to meet the demands of our missionary stations, and the urgent calls of the far west, and also to carry the lamp of the blessed gospel truth far hence into heathen lands!

Meantime, while we labor to urge our people to sustain and increase the funds of the Education Board, by liberal donations and scholarships, we would urge it on the attention of all the friends of Zion, particularly on the ministry, to lose no opportunity of seeking out and bringing forward hopefully pious and gifted youth to the patronage of our Education Board. Were each one of the pastors of our churches to adopt the resolution that he will seek out and bring forward within a year, one single youth, at least, what a happy increase to the number of our theological candidates might be effected in a brief space of time!

And he who will sustain the ministry to the end of all time, whose is "the gold and the silver," can as readily put us in possession of the means to carry these youth through their course, as he can lead us to the discovery of pious and gifted youth. He who needs servants in his holy cause, will amply give us the means. Be it our duty to urge on all our people to seek both of these needful things from his holy Providence and rich grace; and surely we who know and feel the deeply urgent necessity of a learned as well as a pious ministry, especially in these trying times of Zion, need not much persuasion, to be diligent and zealous in seeking the full accomplishment of these things. Hence your committee would recommend the adoption of the following.

Resolved, That it be recommended earnestly to all our ministers, to labor to impress on the minds of the pious and gifted young men,

who may be admitted into the communion of their respective churches, a deep sense of the duty which they owe their Divine Master, to offer themselves for the gospel ministry.

They would also, in view of the pressure of the times, and the extreme difficulty of our beneficiaries in clearing their way by the sum allowed to each of them, recommend the following for the adoption of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to extend their appropriations to their beneficiaries, to one hundred and twenty dollars, in such cases where they may deem it necessary.

Let us be liberal and just, and devise liberally at the Master's hands in time to come. He who has said the gold is mine, and the silver is mine, will assuredly open the hearts of his people liberally to minister to our wants, when we humbly and zealously press on in his holy cause: and especially when we spare no pains to aid and bring forward *every young man who comes to us properly recommended*, to solicit the patronage of the board.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to our churches the observance of the last Thursday in February, as a day of prayer, in behalf of colleges, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The following resolution was presented, the consideration of which, was postponed to the next General Synod.

Resolved, That measures be taken to take the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church under the care of this Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following communication from the Trustees of Rutgers College was received:

Resolved, (unanimously,) That a Committee, consisting of Dr. Janeway, Dr. Knox, C. L. Hardenburgh, and Dr. Charles Smith, be appointed to attend the next meeting of General Synod, and urge the concurrence of Synod in the resolutions adopted by this board

in relation to a modification of the union subsisting between this Synod and General Synod.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, April 4th, 1837.

THOS. HARDENBURGH, *Clerk.*

Resolved, That the Committee mentioned in the above extract be accredited. Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Janeway read before Synod the proceedings of the Board of Trustees in relation to a modification of the union subsisting between this Synod and said board.

Resolved, That the above communication be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D., Isaac Ferris D.D., and Philip Duryee, D.D., and the Elders Cornelius L. Hardenburgh and Sevreyn Bruyn.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted *unanimously*, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred *the communication* from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College; and *the report* of the committee appointed by the last General Synod to confer with the Board of Trustees, on the subject of a modification of the connexion existing between the College and the Theological Seminary, beg leave, after a careful examination of the matters referred to them; and after having had a conference with a committee of the Board of Trustees, respectfully report:

That this whole business seems to have originated in an apprehension, entertained by the Synod of 1836, that their theological professors, and their institutions in New-Brunswick, were suffering under the amount of labor required at the hands of the theological professors in the literary institution.

The committee of last year's Synod, appointed to inquire into this matter, have stated in their report, after a careful investigation, and after having had a conference with a committee of the trustees, that "they have found that the amount of time and labor required of your professors in their academic instructions, is much less than what they had apprehended." And they add that "the professors are far from complaining, or even being sensible of any burden in their additional labors."

The trustees, however, in their communication, which was referred to your committee, have expressed their entire willingness, upon certain distinctly specified terms, to meet the General Synod in the proposed modification of the existing covenant between them, and mutually binding on them, in a way they may deem practicable; and that may promote the best interests of the literary and theological institutions of our church.

After a close and careful consideration of the whole matter, your committee are deliberately of the opinion, that the existing arrangements entered into, between the General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College, have hitherto operated successfully, and beneficially; that, as the College and the Theological Seminary are peculiarly the institutions of our own church, they claim the entire confidence and support of the Dutch Church.

We do not, indeed, consider our plans for the perfection of our college yet completed; we wish to have an additional number of professors to our present faculty; but we are willing to compare our literary faculty with any other faculty of the same number; and our literary institution with any other in our land, of the same age. We can point, with emotions of gratitude to God, to the graduates of our own college, who are among us in the ministry; and who are in other churches, and in the learned professions. These are the fruits of our institution, under its present regulations; the first ripe fruits of the faithful and successful instructions of our able and laborious professors. We can honestly say, that, for literary attainments, mental discipline, sound morals and piety, they can be compared with the graduates of any college in our land, without suffering in the comparison. And no one can deny this fact without injuring some of the most distinguished young ministers of our church, and eminent young professional men in different ranks of social life!

Your committee do, indeed, distinctly declare their persuasion, that with more ample endowments, and thence with additional professors, your college could be carried forward to occupy a higher and still more prominent eminence before the public. There is only one opinion among us all on this matter. We all do look forward to the day when our plans of instruction will be fully real-

ized, under the administration of additional professors in the different departments of literature, and a distinct President. And thus, side by side, with the other distinguished literary institutions of the day, around us, we can, as a religious denomination, take a position as high, as honorable, and as eminent in literature as any in our land. All this we look forward to in a tender yet confident reliance on our God, the God of our fathers.

But this cannot be done without more ample funds. And no period of our history has been more unpropitious than the present, to raise these necessary funds. The thing cannot be done either by the trustees, or by this Synod. Hence we must go on, under the present arrangement, and wait for happier days, which, no doubt, by the returning smiles of Almighty God, will soon again revisit our land.

And there is a striking indication of heaven to follow in this course. The present frowns of God on us paralyze almost all pecuniary efforts. But there is another interesting indication of God's will touching this matter; and we must not, we cannot, be so ungrateful as to pass it by unnoticed. Our Divine Master has been pouring down his Holy Spirit on our favored literary institution. God is even *now* sealing the tokens of his gracious presence with the instructors and the pupils of our college, for which so many prayers have been offered throughout our Reformed Church. And while we have been mournfully inquiring why so few pious youth have hitherto come forth from these institutions, to the service of God, in the ministry, God has been taking away the reproach, and he is increasing our pious youth like a flock; who, we trust, will be constrained, by the love of Christ, into the holy ministry.

In fine, your committee are deliberately of opinion, that nothing is wanting to make our college and school of the prophets to flourish, under God, and abound with hopeful youth, but the prayerful, cordial, united, and persevering co-operation of all our ministers, and elders, and churches, coming up, shoulder to shoulder, as a band of loving and affectionate brethren.

In view of all these circumstances, your committee would earnestly recommend, for adoption, the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the existing arrangement between the General Synod and the Trustees of Rutgers College, ought to be, and hereby is, left unaltered and unmodified, for the present.

2, *Resolved*, That the Synod, expressing their confidence in the zeal, ability, and untiring diligence of the faculties of their literary and theological institutions, do earnestly recommend these institutions, founded in many prayers, and toils, and sacrifices, to the undivided and affectionate patronage of all our ministers, and of all our churches.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the treasurer of Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on Education.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Treasurer of Rutgers College presents the following statement, for the information of the Synod.

The following young men have been aided from the interest arising from the funds in his hands, from 1st April, 1836, to 1st April, 1837, viz :

Van Benschoten Fund.

A. C. Milspaugh,	$120
G. E. Hand,	120
A. Elmendorf,	120
W. E. Turner,	120
F. T. Drake,	120
J. T. Demarest,	150
C. Spalding,	90
G. P. M'Myer,	90
E. Whitaker,	90
E. Wilson,	30
W. Reiley,	30
D. Michael,	30
P. J. Quick,	30
	$1,140

Knox Fund.

J. Watson, ...	$30
R. Willis, ...	90
	$120

All at the rate of $120 per annum.

The Van Benschoten fund, April 1st, 1837, .	$19,680 00
Balance in hands of the treasurer, April 1st, 1837,	681 42
Of this balance, $300 is principal.	
Interest due May 1st, 1837, ...	1,206 30
Knox fund, April 1st, 1837, ...	2,000 00
Balance in hands of the treasurer, April 1st, 1837, .	47 86
Interest due May 1st, 1837, ...	120 00

There will remain nine young men on the funds, after commencement, viz: Milspaugh, Hand, Elmendorf, Turner, Spalding, M'Myer, Whitaker, Drake and Willis.

P. SPADER, *Treasurer.*

New-Brunswick, May 1st, 1837.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College respectfully present their annual report.

From the report of the faculty of the college to this board, it appears " that the number of students on the college-roll, for the current year, is 66—viz : 22 seniors, 20 juniors, 14 sophomores, and 10 freshmen. Of these, two are absent by permission, in consequence of ill health ; three are absent without permission ; and two have been dismissed since the first instant—one by reason of ill-health, the other to go with his family to Europe. The number, therefore, in attendance at present, is 59 : a large proportion of this

number is composed of young men arrived at an age at which they can appreciate the value of their time and advantages, and who demonstrate its appreciation in the vigorous prosecution of their studies. The faculty state, with gratitude to God, that general health has prevailed in the institution, and that the general good order of the college has been such that they have not been called during the past year to inflict, in any one instance, either of the higher degrees of discipline." The faculty also state, "that a serious attention to divine things, originally existing in the silent concern of a few individuals, has recently spread so as to pervade the institution. The professors, beside private interviews, have, for some time past, at the request of the students, met them, in turn, at a daily, well ordered and well attended prayer-meeting, in the college library. Few of their number, if any, appear to be wholly unaffected. Convictions, too, in some instances, so far as we can judge, are deep and solemn. They appear to be under the influence of a spirit of love, and to be much bound to and concerned for each other. There has thus far, we believe, been no drawing asunder, no appearance of unhallowed disputation, dissension, or extravagance, and we do hope, from the aspect of the work thus far, that it is real; that it has commenced in answer to the prayer of the church, and that it will be attended with happy effects, both to themselves and to this community. The Bible, Missionary, and Temperance Societies of the college, as well as the prayer-meeting of the students, are still in operation." The faculty, in their report, further observe, "It has become a matter of grave inquiry, why there are not more students in the institution? This faculty is not conscious of any diminution of zeal, or efficiency, on their part. The causes of it must be traced to a variety of circumstances over which they had and could have no control. As it is presumed that these causes are sufficiently manifest to the Board of Superintendents, we forbear (say they) to offer any further remarks upon the subject."

Professor Beck, having accepted an appointment to make geological surveys, in the state of New-York, Dr. Gale, of the city of New-York, has been employed to deliver a course of lectures on chemistry, to the senior and junior classes. He has also kindly

volunteered to deliver, gratuitously, a course of public lectures on geology, in the college chapel.

It will thus be seen, that the institution, under the more immediate superintendence of the undersigned, has continued to prosper since we last made our report to the General Synod. The benefits of a liberal education, we hesitate not to say, are, we believe, dispensed as extensively in this institution as in any other in the land. Instruction is administered both ably and faithfully; in a manner to make of the youth good scholars and useful men. Yet it is asked, and not without reason, why are there not more students in the college? We speak with all due respect for the members composing the General Synod, but not without a just sense of the responsibility which we ourselves feel, when we say we believe it to be chiefly because the college does not receive the cordial support of the churches of the Dutch Reformed persuasion. Why else is it that so large a portion of the graduates of this institution are to be found from among other denominations.

Rutgers College, admirably situated as it is, for purposes of education, with a learned and well appointed faculty, and with large endowments, does not send abroad annually, into the ranks of science, as many young men, as under the circumstances she ought to send. We say this without fear, because we wish to wake up public attention to the advantages presented by this seat of learning, and because we believe, that if long nurtured prejudices and jealousies could be made to bow before a more generous and confiding spirit, this college would soon stand high, in point of numbers, as she does already stand, in name, among her sister institutions.

The Synod will recollect the provision proposed to be made for the permanent support of the professorship of chemistry has not yet been realized. It is very desirable that this popular branch of education should not be neglected.

CHAS. SMITH,
SAMUEL B. HOW,
C. L. HARDENBERGH,
AB'M VAN NEST,
JOHN KNOX.

New-Brunswick, 6*th June*, 1837.

Certain bills were presented in behalf of the treasurer of Rutgers College, for repairs to the college, which were referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Resolved, That it be recommended to our churches, in the concert exercises of the first Monday in July, to remember, with prayer and thanksgiving, our institutions at New-Brunswick, in their present interesting state.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The committee on the professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The annual reports of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, and of the Board of Corporation of the General Synod, have been submitted to your committee.

Theological Seminary. The number of students in the seminary at the date of the report of the superintendents, was twenty three. Since then, we understand the number of the new junior class has just supplied that of the last graduating class. The superintendents bear testimony to the satisfactory proficiency and promising character of the students, and also to the diligence, zeal, and ability, with which the duties of the professors are discharged. We still must lament that the number of our theological students remains stationary, while the claims from our domestic wants and the foreign missionary service are increasing. The inquiry "why have we not more students," is one which the whole church should carry to the throne of grace with united fervent prayer, and seek to find its answer by diligently laboring to call forth and lead on to the work of the ministry, the young men of talents and piety in the midst of her. It is hoped that our churches will pay more earnest and careful attention to the resolutions of General Synod, in reference to the cause of education, at the sessions of the two last years. The recent outpouring of the spirit on our literary institution, ex-

tending to a large proportion of its numbers, and to all human view very distinctively and satisfactorily marked, is an event calling for our warmest gratitude, and most encouraging to our faith and hope. It has thus become according to the prayerful design on which it was founded, a nursery to our seminary and our church.

Rutgers College. The report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, states that the number of students in the four classes now on the roll, is sixty-six, and that fifty-nine are now in actual attendance, who are represented as sustaining a highly respectable character and standing. The college is now in a most interesting state, on account of the extended work of grace in the midst of it. The statement of the professsors of the college to the Board of Superintendents, and the concurring accounts which the Synod have received during the session, represent it as one of peculiar interest, and furnishing the most cheering promise of the fruit which shall be gathered from it. With such results, it cannot but exert a most happy and beneficial influence upon the present and continued welfare of the college. Thus the fountain becomes seasoned with salt, the savour of which cannot soon be lost. The college so long the object of counsel, and prayer, and labor for its organization and endowment, has the strongest claims upon the affectionate regard and united efficient co-operation of all our churches. We believe that it possesses advantages of a high order for pursuing a literary course, and that every young man in the Reformed Dutch Church, designing to pursue such a course, should place himself under its auspices. We are happy to find from the deliberations and decisions of the Synod already made at its present session, that a spirit exists which will prompt such efforts as must efficiently tend to promote the prosperity of the college.

The Board of Superintendents advert again to the want of an endowment of a professorship of chemistry, and the importance of raising means for such endowment. The General Synod at the two last sessions recommended such a measure to the patronage of the churches. The committee recommend to the Synod to renew their resolution of 1835.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the friends of the Reformed Dutch Church, to aid the measures which may be adopted by

the trustees of Rutgers College, for establishing a permanent endowment for the professorship of Chemistry and Natural History.

Board of Corporation. The annual digest, the treasurer's account, and the list of securities, satisfactorily exhibit the care and fidelity with which the financial interests are conducted by the Board of Corporation.

The board state that a proposition has been made by Abraham Varick, Esq. to cause the claim against the Reformed Dutch Church at Utica, for six thousand dollars, to be cancelled, by substituting for it, the bond of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of New-York, for four thousand dollars, and Mr. Varick's own bond for two thousand dollars, but that they did not feel themselves at liberty to make this arrangement, their investments being all on bond and mortgage, and therefore ask the action of the Synod in the case. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That in view of the particular circumstances of this case, the Board of Corporation be authorized to dispense with the rule requiring a mortgage in the investment of funds, and accept the proposition of Mr. Varick.

The account of the treasurer shows that there is a considerable delinquency by many of the Classes, in the payment for the Minutes of General Synod. Your committee recommend that the stated clerk be directed to transmit to the respective classes thus delinquent, the amounts due by them on this account.

It has been intimated to this committee, that there is not in the present by-laws of the Board of Corporation enacted by General Synod, any power vested in them to fill up their own vacancies. The following resolution is recommended to the General Synod for adoption.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation be authorized to fill any vacancies in their own board which may occur, until the next meeting of the General Synod.

Beneficiaries on the Van Benschoten Fund. Mr. David Leroy is recommended by the Classis of Ulster to the General Synod, to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund.

John Watson was placed on the Van Benschoten fund by the recommendation of General Synod in 1835. He some time since left the college, by permission of the faculty; during his absence another beneficiary was placed in his stead on the funds. Since his return, he has been aided by the Education Board. Your committee deem it proper that his name should again be placed on the list recommended to the trustees.

Severenus Seber, Jr., is recommended by the Classis of Schoharie to receive aid from the education fund.

The following resolution is recommended.

Resolved, That John Watson, David Leroy, Severenus Seber, Jr., be recommended to the trustees of Rutgers College for aid from the Van Benschoten fund, in the order in which they are named, and that in case a sufficient number of vacancies should not exist, those not received, be recommended to the Board of Education.

Library of the Theological Seminary. Resolved, That the committee appointed in 1835, consisting of Rev. John Knox, D. D., Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, Rev. Samuel B. How, D. D., Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Rev. George W. Bethune, Rev. Henry Mandeville, be continued, whose office it shall be to solicit either collectively or individually, contributions in books or in money, for the purpose of enlarging the library of our seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DEWITT, *Chairman*.

Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies which have occurred in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. The following persons who had been nominated by the respective Classes were appointed.

Rev. Herman Vedder, for the Classis of Poughkeepsie, in the place of the Rev. James B. Hardenburgh, removed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, for the Classis of Bergen, in the place of the Rev. James Romeyn, removed to the Classis of Greene.

Rev. Edwin Holmes, for the Classis of Albany, in the place of the Rev. Robert Bronk, deceased.

Rev. James Romeyn, for the Classis of Greene, in the place of the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, removed to the Classis of Albany.

Resolved, That this Synod will always be gratified by enjoying the attendance of the professors in the Theological Seminary, at the sessions of Synod, whenever their professional duties will permit.

Resolved, That if at any time any vacancy should exist on the Van Benschoten fund, and there should be no remaining names on the list specifically recommended by General Synod, that in such case the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College be authorized to select any name from the beneficiaries under the care of the Board of Education, to fill said vacancy.

The following report was received from the committee to solicit subscriptions in books and money, for the library of the Theological College.

The undersigned, chairman of the committee appointed by Synod to solicit donations in books and in money, for the increase of the Theological Library, respectfully reports, that he has received at different times, from friends of the church, donations in books, which were acknowledged as they came to hand, in the Christian Intelligencer, and immediately transmitted to President Milledoler, by whom they have been placed in the library; the donor's name being inserted in each volume.

The original list of these contributions has been mislaid. The following however, is believed to be nearly, if not entirely complete and correct.

From Mr. John Limberger,

Witsius on the Covenants, . . .	3	volumes.
Baxter's Works, ...	2	do
Brown's History of Messiah, . . .	2	do
Horne on the Psalms, ...	1	do
Fisher's Spring Day, ...	1	do
	——	9 vols.

From the Misses Periam,

Witsius on the Covenants,	3	volume.
Harvey's Works,	1	do 4 to.
Magee on the Atonement,	1	do
	——	5 vols.

From the Misses Halsted,

M'Leod on the Revelation,	1	volume.
M'Ewen on the Types,	1	do
Deep Things of God,	1	do
	——	3 vols.

From Jacob P. Roome,

The works of Rev. Dr. Mason,	4	volumes.
	——	4 vols.

From the ladies of the Female Tract Association of the Collegiate Dutch Church of New-York.

Bound volumes of Tracts,	10	volumes.
Evangelical Family Library,	12	do
Young Christian,	1	do
History of Jonah,	2	do
Mother at Home,	1	do
Life of Harlan Page,	1	do
Essays to do Good,	1	do
Youth's Book on Natural Theology,	1	do
	——	29 vols.

From Rev. Philip Duryee, D. D.

Dr. Owen's Sermons and Tracts,	1	vol. folio.
Beza on the Nov. Test.	2	do
Vitringa on the Romans,	1	do
Pareus Com'y. on Galat.	1	do
Vitringa on the Parables,	1	do
Witsius on the Creed and Lord's Prayer,	1	do
	——	7 vols.

Making in all, *fifty-seven* volumes.

The committee have also received from a deacon of the Collegiate Church, in cash, fifty cents. They have moreover been informed

by other friends of our institutions, that they have books to bestow as soon as opportunity for forwarding them shall occur. These and all other donations, will be acknowledged when received, and hereafter reported to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, accompanied with the translation of a letter from the Netherlands Missionary Society, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Missions, The following statement accompanying the report was ordered to be published.

The above report shows the receipts from June 1st, 1836, to June 1st, 1837, $7665 03

Brought over, ...	$7665 03
Balance from last year, . . .	413 32
Amount paid by the Classis of Poughkeepsie, mistake, intended for domestic missions, . .	80 00
Total, ...	$8158 35

Amount received from Dec. 1, 1832, to June 1, 1833,			2106 12
Do.	do.	June 1, 1833, to June 6, 1834,	3848 80
Do.	do.	June 6, 1834, to June 1, 1835,	3584 33
Do.	do.	June 1, 1835, to June 1, 1836,	7636 16
Do.	do.	June 1, 1836, to June 1, 1837,	7665 03
Total amount received in four and a half years,			$24,840 44

On the 20th of May last, your treasurer addressed a letter to Mr. H. Hill, treasurer of the American Board, to know from him what were the expenses of our foreign missionaries for the last two years, and in reply received the following answer :

Boston, May 23, 1837.

Dear Sir,—I have this day received your favor of the 20th inst. and find that the sums paid have been as follows :

1835, July 31.	To Rev. David Abeel, for services as agent and travelling expenses,		366 79
1836, July 31.	Do.	do.	do.	1180 93
"	For mission to Java, as per 27th Annual Report, page 120, remittance, purchases, &c.		577 44
	Outfit and expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Nevius,		1221 00
	Do.	do.	Mr. and Mrs. Ennis,	1206 00
	Do.	do.	Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood,	1028 48
	Do.	do.	Mr. and Mrs. Doty,	1182 50
	Do.	do.	Miss Condict,	247 00
	Carried forward,			5462 42

Brought forward,		$5462 42	
	Passage of the above-named individuals to Batavia,	2025 00	
			7487 42
1837, May 23.	Paid Mr. Abeel, . .		1113 25
	Remitted for expenses of missionaries to Java, . . .		4695 15
	Paid Mr. Thompson, missionary,		400 00
	Paid Mr. Waring, do. .		750 00
			$15,993 54

Yours very truly,

H. HILL, Jr.

W. R. Thompson, New-York.

In addition to the above our board paid Mr. Ennis, for three months salary, as agent, (see Amer. Board Ann. Report, page 122,)	105 00
Also to Rev. F. B. Thompson, not included in the above letter, to June 1, 1837,	363 46
	$16,462 00

Our board, at a meeting some time since, resolved that we would pay the expenses of Dr. Scudder, in Ceylon, and adopt him as one of our missionaries. The Synod will see, by the foregoing letter, that the American Board has not included his expenses, and that we have come short of the amount required for the others for the last two years, of more than *eleven hundred dollars.*

The receipts in our treasury, for the last *four years and a half*, up to the 1st June, 1837, were	$24,840 44
The American Board have paid to our missionaries, for the last *two years*, ending June 1st, 1837,	$16,462 00
The amount received for the last two years, ending June 1, 1837,	$15,301 19

W. R. THOMPSON, *Treasurer.*

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, and read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received and accepted.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, whose term of service have expired. On counting the votes, it appeared that the following persons were elected :—

Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Jacob Brodhead, D. D., George Dubois, Maurice W. Dwight, and Mr. William R. Thompson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Missions of the General Synod whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected :

Rev. George Dubois, Peter Labagh, Thomas M. Strong, William C. Brownlee, D. D., and Messrs. Walter Bicker, Peter D. Vroom, G. W. Mentz, Leonard W. Kip, Isaac Young, William Mandeville, Thomas C. Doremus, and Abraham Suydam.

Mr. James Van Antwerp was elected for one year, in the place of Isaac L. Kip, Esq., deceased.

The Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D. preached the annual missionary sermon before Synod, (from Matt. xxiv. 12.) in the Middle Dutch Church, on the evening of the first Sabbath after the opening of the Synod.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the annual missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight was chosen *primarius*, and the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, *secundus*.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report, that they have examined with considerable care the several documents committed to them, and submit for the consideration of Synod, the following subjects therein contained, viz: Domestic and Foreign Missions, and a friendly correspondence contained in a letter from the Netherland's Missionary Society to the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America.

In relation to Domestic Missions, the board have made appropriations during the past year, to the following churches, viz. *Newark, Williamsburgh, Jersey-City, Albany, Ashokan, Chittenango, Newburgh, Hudson, Brooklyn, Oyster Bay, Canajoharie, Tyoshoke, Mount Pleasant, Bellona, Cato, Dashville, Princetown, Fort Plain, Bloomingdale, Westerlo, Caroline, Clove, and Lysander*, being in all, twenty-three.

The amount of appropriations, including that of the missionaries of Brooklyn and Cicero, is $4,195, while the total receipts during the year, into the missionary treasury, have been $4,041 36, which added to the balance of $10 41, of last year, makes $4,051 77, thus making a deficiency in the treasury of $143 33, and presenting a loud call upon our churches for renewed and yet stronger exertions in behalf of this good cause. The board report that they have only two missionaries, properly speaking, under their care, viz: Rev. Mr. Garretson, who is laboring at Brooklyn, and the Rev. Mr. Evans, at Cicero, a very promising field for missionary labor. The former of whom states, that he has been much encouraged in his undertaking by the solemn and cheering conviction that he who has directed us to this field of labor has been with us. His presence has been realized in the spiritual enjoyment of his people since our operations commenced, and we think we can truly and emphatically say, "Hitherto has the Lord helped us," and we would bless and praise his name, for all that has been done.

In most of the churches, assisted by the board, the state of religion is not as prosperous as desirable, but in all there appears to be a good spirit, and a desire to go forward in the work of the Lord; yet your committee would particularly notice the church at Cato, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Hoffman, which is now experiencing, as he states, the refreshing dews of heaven. Under

date of April 19th, Mr. Hoffman reports, that between twenty and thirty have been hopefully converted.

The board report that a certificate for honorary members of this board, has been prepared at a considerable expense, to be struck from a copper-plate, with a beautiful device. This it is hoped, will be an inducement for churches to make their respective ministers members, and for liberal individuals to constitute themselves such. The board have considered it expedient to recommend to the Synod to resolve that fifty dollars instead of thirty, should be necessary to constitute a person an honorary member of this board. They likewise recommend that the annual meetings of institutions connected with our church, usually held during the session of Synod, be held in the Franklin street church. Your committee would propose a compliance with the above recommendations.

From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, your committtee learn that the missionary brethren and sisters who, at the date of the last report of the board, were about to receive their instructions, and embark for Java, left New-York on the 7th of June last. The farewell meeting was held, in the Middle Dutch Church, on the 30th of May, when the instructions were given by one of the secretaries of the American Board, and a charge delivered by the corresponding secretary of Synod's Board, with other appropriate exercises. It was a season of great solemnity and of tender interest. The missionaries reached their place of destination, on the 15th of September, in safety and in health, and were met on their arrival, with the warmest Christian affection, by the missionaries then at Batavia, and very politely by the American Consul, and others there; and arrangements were soon made for their accommodation and residence. From the latest accounts, dated December 1836, information had been received from the Dutch Government, giving their sanction to the same. In addition to the missionaries already sent out, your committee are gratified to learn that the board have made arrangements for securing the services of the Rev. F. B. Thompson and wife, and the Rev. Hart E. Waring and wife, who were expected to depart as missionaries to a foreign field, about the 1st of July, inst., together with three others, engaged by the American Board. But the recent difficulties in pecuniary matters, have so far operated, as to induce the

prudential committee to defer, for the present, the departure of the missionaries; with the propriety of which, the Board of Synod and your committee are fully satified, yet hope that provision may be made for sending forth our missionaries this coming fall. In the mean time, it is proper to observe, that Mr. Thompson has been appointed an agent to visit the churches in our connexion, until he shall be required to make ready for his embarkation. Mr. Waring also will probably visit some of our churches, in the same capacity. Your committee learn from the report of your board, that Mr. Abeel has recently returned from St. Croix, with his health somewhat improved, though yet very feeble. Synod will observe that no other agency has been employed in the course of the past year, except what has been already noticed, viz. that of Mr. Thompson, through the winter, in the Classis of Poughkeepsie. The sum paid into the treasury of the board during the year, up to June 1st, 1837, is $7,665 03; that paid out for the same period, is $7,652 41, leaving a balance, which added to that of the preceding year, is $425 94. Your committee would observe that the amount raised, the year past, has been generally without the direction of any special appeals by the board, thus manifesting a continued, and it is hoped, growing interest among the churches in this important matter, for which it becomes us to be thankful, and from which strong encouragement should be taken to press forward in our labors of love, with increased industry, seeking the welfare of Zion and the promotion of God's glory throughout the earth.

Notwithstanding present pecuniary embarrassments, and although this may affect for a season the resources of our treasuries in some degree, your board and committee trust and hope, that the voice of this dispensation, in its rebukes and instructions, will be heard and improved by our community, so that the friends of Christ and of this cause shall feel more deeply its claims upon them, and the fruits thereof prove righteousness and peace.

Your committee notice with kind affection and confidence, the letter of correspondence from the Netherland's Missionary Society, and would cheerfully reciprocate the views and feelings expressed by them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ELTING, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

The following report was received from the committee to confer with the Board of Corporation.

The committee appointed by the General Synod of 1836, to confer with the Board of Direction, and inquire whether they are willing to take the management of the Widows' Fund, report, that the Board of Direction are willing to act for General Synod as trustees of said fund.

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman.*

The proceedings of the several Classes upon the subject of the Widows' Fund, were read; whereupon it was,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. James Murphy, Edwin Holmes, and Isaac M. Fisher, and the Elders, Isaac Hutton and William R. Thompson.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows.

The committee on the Widows' Fund, recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the clergymen now present, be invited to sign a memorandum, agreeing to pay the treasurer of the Board of Corporation of the Reformed Dutch Church, $20, on, or about the 10th day of June, 1838, without interest, for the purpose of establishing a fund, to be called a fund for the relief of disabled clergymen, the widows of clergymen, and their children.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each church under the jurisdiction of Synod, to take up a collection on or about the first Sabbath in October, in each and every year, to be immediately sent to the treasurer of the Board of Corporation.

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed committees to solicit subscriptions, donations and legacies, for this fund.

1. *In New-York.*—Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Dr. Ferris, Dr. Brodhead, Abraham Van Nest, James Suydam, Joseph V. Varick, James Bogert, Wm. B. Crosby and B. L. Kip.

2. *In Albany.*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, Richard V. DeWitt, Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, William P. Van Rensselaer, John Sanders, Charles A. Keeler, Wm. C. Miller, J. R. Bleecker.

3. *In Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. Ludlow, J. B. Hardenburgh, W. Mentz, and Frederic Erringer.

4. *In New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Dr. Janeway, Rev. Dr. Howe, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh.

5. *In Utica.*—Rev. Mr. Mandeville, Mr. J. H. Rathbone, Mr. C. C. Brodhead.

Resolved, That each Classis be directed to appoint committees of such numbers as they shall judge proper, to solicit subscriptions, donations and legacies, for the benefit of the fund.

Resolved, That the committees be requested to attend to their duties, and make returns to the Board of Corporation, as soon as possible.

Resolved, That in —— years, any minister, or his family, shall be entitled to the annuity, according to the rules fixed by the Board of Corporation, provided he shall have paid his annual subscription.

Resolved, That if a minister shall die before the time appointed for the full benefit to be realized, that his widow, by paying up to the time, shall then enjoy the full appropriation.

Resolved, That the whole of this subject be referred to the Board of Corporation, to digest fully the plan, and frame such by-laws as in their judgment may seem proper and consistent with the report on the widows' fund, and report the same to the next General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation be requested to send a circular to all our churches, embracing the great principles on which this fund shall be managed, and appeal to them for aid at as early a day as possible.

JAMES MURPHY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

Resolved, That the Elders, William R. Thompson, Isaac Hutton, and Samuel Allen, be a committee of arrangements for an anniversary meeting, to be held on Tuesday evening next, in behalf of the Boards of Missions and the Board of Education of the church.

The committee reported, and the meeting was held accordingly, on the evening of the seventh day of the session.

The Rev. Isaac M. Fisher and Benjamin Bassler, and the Elder Charles A. Keeler, were appointed a committee to nominate to Synod, double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to compose the Board of Direction of the Corporation, and to fill up the vacancies in the Board of Education, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board of Missions, of the General Synod.

The committee reported accordingly.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, was read.

Resolved, That the Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, Benjamin Van Zandt, and the Elder Lawrence V. De Forest, be a committee to whom applications for leave of absence shall be made, who shall report to Synod such as in their judgment should be granted. The committee reported at different intervals during the session of the Synod.

The following report was received from the committee appointed at the last Synod, to prepare a selection of sacred music, for the use of the congregations, which was adopted, and is as follows.

The committee appointed to prepare a selection of sacred music, which may be recommended to general use among our congregations, in order to procure a greater uniformity in the mode of conducting that most interesting part of public worship, would respectfully report—

That not long after said appointment, their chairman left this country for Europe, and the committee was not called together du-

ring the Synodical interval. From the best consideration they have been able to give to the subject, they have agreed in the following opinions.

That the cause of sacred music possesses the most interesting character and claims. It appeals to the understanding of the church, of the Christian, and the man of taste. To sing the praise of the great Father and Benefactor of man becomes every individual of our race; but when the glory of that Divine Benefactor is seen in the face of Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer, no other form of praise is appropriate or sufficiently impassioned, save the breathings of adoring gratitude, in the strains of sacred harmony. Of the exercises of worship in the church on earth, this is the only abiding form. The voice of the preacher shall cease to explain and exhort, for the time shall be, when the understanding shall need no illumination, and the heart no excitement. The offerings of prayer shall no longer be laid on the altar; for the sacrifice of penitence shall not be made necessary by any transgression, and no unsatisfied want shall prompt the importunate petition. But the tribute of praise, the overflowing of gratitude and gladness, shall continue to be presented for ever.

Your committee cannot doubt, that it is among the solemn duties of the churches to promote the cultivation of sacred music by every just and practicable measure. For, besides the high and abiding place it holds in the worship of the Holy One of Israel, it has a direct tendency to attract the attention of the youthful mind—to fix the great truths which are recited with appropriate accompanying music, imperishably on the memory—and often to melt the tender heart, and fire the young imagination with the exalted subjects of revelation.

But, while your committee would press attention to the music of the churches, they would not be understood to mean merely the discipline of a choir, or the cultivation of a few in the science and performance of sacred harmony; but of attention to the improvement of the musical taste and power of the whole congregation. They cannot but deplore the fact, that in many churches, the practice of choir-singing, by cultivating a few, while the many are neglected, has had the effect to confine this exercise to a small

company, most of whom were unblest with spiritual feeling, and to exclude the majority of the worshippers, and among them many of those who are prepared to sing with the understanding and the heart, though not with scientific accuracy. Your committee are not able to describe the difference in the expression and power of the church music, between the utterance of a choir alone, and when leading and accompanied by the congregation generally. Every pious man who has had experience in both modes, will be impressed with the superiority of the latter mode, beyond the power of any argument or description to represent. But this general accompaniment cannot be expected unless the whole congregation are considerably cultivated; and this general cultivation cannot be attained except by such an estimation of the subject as shall bring all the children and youth under careful instruction, and will induce even the senior portion of the church carefully to study the subject.

Entertaining these views, your committee mention, with the deepest regret, the apathy which exists on this subject, not only in our own church, but more or less among all Christian denominations. Nowhere is the importance attached to this subject which the Scriptures clearly imply. In very few places is church music considered worthy of liberal expenditure and careful cultivation, by old and young. Yet there are cheering indications. Taste is improving in some places; facilities are multiplying; the pride and apathy which stood in the way of a more general attention to this subject, are yielding. And it seems as though the period of insensibility to the claims of psalmody is passing away, and a day of better things is dawning on the church.

Upon the whole, your committee suggest, that although it may be inexpedient to execute the object of their commission at present, yet it is wise to keep the subject before the eye of the supreme judicature of the church—to press the importance of the subject on the minds of the ministerial brethren, and through them on their congregations; and the time may soon come, when such a publication as has been contemplated may be demanded in our church, and may find a ready sale, and a general use. Wherefore,

Resolved, That this Synod consider it premature to publish a musical compilation for the particular use of the Dutch Church; while, at

the same time, they recommend to all such as are interested for the welfare of the church, great attention to the subject of psalmody, in the use of such works as are already in the hands of the public.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, on the subject of the Psalm and Hymn Book, be discharged, and that the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Thomas DeWitt, D. D., and the Elder, William R. Thompson, be appointed a committee on this subject.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

The Rev. O. Eastman, Visiting Secretary of the American Tract Society, appeared in Synod, and presented several copies of a brief statement of the operations of said society during the past year, which were distributed among the members.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our churches, to take up collections for the benefit of the Colonization Society, on the Sabbath immediately preceding or following the fourth of July.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The committee on accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows.

The committee on accounts report, that an account for repairs to Rutgers College, with accompanying documents, have been presented by P. Spader, which appear to be correct, and ought of course to be allowed.

A. N. KITTLE.

The doorkeeper's bill, amounting to $18 08, was presented and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the stated clerk publish 800 copies of the minutes of this session of Synod, duly authenticated—and that he distribute among the classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz.—Rev. James Brownlee, and the Elders, Thomas Talmadge, Peter Sip, William Sickles, and Nathan Collins.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1838, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and was closed with singing the 137th Psalm, 3d part, and prayer by the President.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *President.*
JAMES ROMEYN, *Adsessor.*
CHRISTOPHER HUNT, } *Clerks*
GARRET I. GARRETSON, } *pro tem.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Albany, on Wednesday the sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight. The session continued from the sixth to the thirteenth day of June inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Chron. xii. 32. "*And of the children of Issachar, which were men which had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do.*" Matt. xvi. 3. "*But can ye not discern the signs of the times.*" Job xxxii. 17. "*I said I will also answer my part, I also will show my opinion.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. John Knox, D. D. Eli Baldwin, D. D.*

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

Elders, Smith Bloomfield, Isaac Schuyler* and William S. Ross.†

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Frederic F. Cornell, Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D.‡ and Mancius S. Hutton.§

Elders, John R. Baker, William B. Crosby, and Peter Goetchius.‡

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Jacob I. Schultz, Abraham Messler.

Elders, William Mann, John Wyckoff, and William I. Hedges.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, Ransford Wells, and Asahel Bronson.

Elders, Benjamin F. Welsh,‖ John I. Peer, and Peter Vandervoort.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins, Wilhelmus Eltinge.

Elder, James Van Blarcom.

6. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, R. A. Quinn,¶ and J. Abeel Baldwin.

Elder, Elias Hubbard.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. George W. Bethune, James R. Talmadge, and James B. Hardenburgh.†

Elders, George W. Morris,¶ Henry Duryea.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the session.

† Took their seats on the *third* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *second* day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

‖ Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, William S. Heyer,* and Herman Vedder.*

Elder, Matthew Luyster.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Edwin Holmes, and Simon V. E. Westfall.

Elders, William C. Miller, Barent Bleecker.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, and Richard W. Knight.†

Elders, Peter Eltinge, Elijah Alliger.‡

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. George H. Fisher,§ Edward P. Stimpson.

Elders, Peter Harder,§ Zechariah Snyder.*

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. John H. Pitcher, Benjamin Van Zandt,|| Hugh M. Boyd.¶

Elder, C. C. Cooper.**

* Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the *fourth* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the session.

|| Succeeded by the Rev. E. Slingerland, the *primarius*, on the *third* day of the session.

¶ Succeeded by the Rev. W. Pitcher, his *secundus*, on the *eighth* day of the session.

** Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, Samuel Robertson, and J. P. Pepper.*
Elders, Henry H. Doxstader, David Diefendorf.*

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, John B. Steele.
Elder, John H. Ball.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. A. B. Chittenden, Thomas Romeyn.
Elders, James V. S. Riley, and Nicholas Van Vranken.†

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. Henry Mandeville, J. C. F. Hoes, and Gustavus Abeel.*
Elders, * * *

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. James B. Hyndshaw,† John H. Duryea.
Elders, * * *

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. Brogun Hoff, Jeremiah Searle, and Thomas B. Gregory.
Elders, John Laraway, William G. Van Vliet, and Henry Adams.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, was chosen President.
The Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, was chosen Adsessor.
The Rev. Messrs. James R. Talmadge and R. Ormiston Currie, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

* Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.
† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed :

On the Professorate.—Rev. John Knox, D. D., Abraham Messler, and Edwin Holmes, and the Elders, William B. Crosby, and Barent Bleecker.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, John H. Pitcher, and Asahel Bronson, and the Elders, Elias Hubbard and Benjamin F. Welsh.

On Missions.—Rev. George W. Bethune, Ransford Wells, and Jeremiah Searle, and the Elders, George W. Morris and William J. Hedges.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. James Murphy, Henry Mandeville, and Jacob I. Schultz, and the Elders, William C. Miller, and William Mann.

On Overtures.—Rev. Douw Van Olinda, John B. Steele, and Robert A. Quin, and the Elders, Peter Vandervoort, and Henry Adams.

On Accounts.—Rev. Frederic F. Cornell, Thomas B. Gregory, and J. Abeel Baldwin, and the Elders, John Wyckoff, and Henry Doxstader.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Abraham Messler, and George W. Bethune, and the Elders, Barent Bleecker, and John Laraway.

On Education.—Rev. Ransford Wells, Wilhelmus Eltinge, and Cornelius Van Cleef, and the Elders, Smith Bloomfield, and William G. Van Vliet.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

The Board of Superintendents respectfully report, that they assembled at New-Brunswick, at the time appointed, July 13, 1837, and entered upon the duties of their office. The representation of the different Classes was nearly the same as that of the preceding year. The Board are called to lament the absence of one member, a brother highly esteemed, and endeared unto all, who has been unexpectedly removed from our circle by death. After the Board were organized, the usual communications were received from the Professors, who represented the general deportment of the students during the past year, to have been such as to do honor to themselves, and to the institution with which they are connected, and warrant the indulgence of the highest hopes with respect to their future usefulness. It affords your Board great pleasure to state, that the examination, which was conducted in a manner calculated to give a full and satisfactory exhibition of the improvement made by the different classes, in their respective courses of

study, was such as to confirm to the utmost the expectations awakened by the professoral reports. The readiness and accuracy with which answers were uniformly given to the questions proposed, on every subject, gave ample testimony to the close and successful application of the students. The examination being approved, the Senior Class were unanimously recommended for professoral certificates. The number of students at present in the Seminary, is twenty-four, viz :

Senior Class—

Peter Allen,
John C. Cruikshank,
John H. Duryea,
John T. Demarest,
William Demarest,
William R. Gordon,
Harrison Heermance,
John P. Knox,
John F. Mesick,
William I. Pohlman, and
Ebenezer Wiggins.

Middle Class—

Philip M. Brett,
Robert C. Clark,
Orlando Harriman, Jr.
John A. Van Doren,
Cornelius Wyckoff.

Junior Class—

John H. Ackerson,
John B. Crawford,
Anthony Elmendorf,
Edward D. Johnson,
John E. Johnson,
William S. Moore,
John I. Quick,
Daniel M. L. Quackenbush.

Mr. Van Santvoord, formerly connected with this Seminary, has taken a dismission to Princeton, after having given a note to secure the amount received by him from the Board of Education. Mr. Wyckoff has been obliged to discontinue his studies for a season, on account of ill health. The present number, though not in advance of that of the preceding year, exceeds what has usually been found in our Seminary. Should proper efforts be made, this will be continually increasing, until the institutions of our Church will take rank with the most distinguished of other churches in numbers, as they already do in intellectual and religious advantages. It is not however, the voice of murmuring and reproach that is to bring "prosperity within these palaces." Let our ministry through the length and breadth of the Church, watch with untiring solicitude over the rising generation, foster with assiduity and care, the youth who give indications of usefulness. Let them bring upon them a more than ordinary degree of Christian influence, and present every encouragement which the gospel warrants, waiting upon God for the blessing, and the highest hopes may be realized, and the most enlarged desires gratified. To this we are summoned by the voice of God, the call of duty, the cries of the Church, the wants of the world, and the anxieties, and toils of a devoted professorate. Ere the fruit of such exertions appears, may we not say to the cherished institutions of our Church, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Information is already through the churches that the city of New-Brunswick has been the seat of the gracious and almighty workings of the Spirit. Our literary and religious institutions have both shared largely in the sacred influence. Many have become hopeful converts in the one, while the members of the other have experienced the refreshing of their graces, and the revival of their graces. It is already ascertained, that a number of the subjects of this work design to give themselves to the ministry of reconciliation, and pursue their preparatory course in our Seminary. Come then, brethren, to the help of the Lord; labor to strengthen and enlarge the institutions which he has made the witnesses of his grace and power, and soon the cry of want will cease in our vacancies, and distant lands rejoice and be glad, through our instrumentality. In conclusion,

the Board would respectfully suggest the propriety of changing the day of meeting, from Thursday to the second Wednesday in July.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES MURPHY, *President pro tem.*
ROBERT P. LEE, *Clerk pro tem.*

A true copy from the original,

THOMAS DE WITT, *Stated Clerk.*

The following report was received from the Committee to procure books for the library of the Theological Seminary.

The undersigned has received during the last year, donations in books, for the Theological Library of Synod, amounting, according to the best of his recollection, to about *one hundred valuable volumes*, which have all been placed in the Library at New-Brunswick. He regrets that through inadvertence he has not brought with him lists of the books and donors. They have however all been published in the Christian Intelligencer, and are recorded in the Catalogue of the Library.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX.

Albany, June 6th, 1838.

Resolved, That the Committee on the above subject be continued.

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church at Newburgh, relative to the state and prospects of said Church, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, and a list of the Securities, belonging to General

Synod, now in the hands of the Treasurer, and an account current of said Board with the Board of Education, and another account current, with the Widows' Fund, which were read and accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church—

The Board of Direction respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

They have met as often as the business entrusted to their attention has required. The most entire unanimity and cordial kindliness of feeling have characterized all their proceedings. The condition of the funds of Synod will fully appear in the Treasurer's report. The income during the year, has enabled the Treasurer to meet the pecuniary engagements of Synod without embarrassment, and with punctuality. Synod however will perceive, that additional responsibilities cannot be contracted, without at the same time providing increased resources. The board would once more express their sense of the desirableness of having the subscriptions to the Professoral Fund paid into the treasury as soon, and as far as may suit the convenience of subscribers.

The different funds of Synod are kept distinct from each other, and in a form the most intelligible and simple. During the past year, three scholarships have been endowed, and the money is now invested—"*the John Clark Scholarship*," by the payment of three thousand dollars, by the executor of the late John Clark, a distinguished member of the Collegiate Church; "*the Bogert Scholarship*," by the payment of fifteen hundred dollars in addition to two hundred dollars previously paid by James Bogert, Jr., long one of the liberal and zealous friends of our Church; and "*the Isaac L. Kip Scholarship*," by the spontaneous act of Brockholst L. Kip, Leonard W. Kip, and the Rev. Francis M. Kip, the sons of the former highly esteemed President of this Board. The latter endowment evinces in addition to the attachment of the donors to the Church of their birth and affections, a filial piety very pleasant to contemplate; for this endowment seventeen hundred dollars has been paid into the treasury. Mr. Bogert's endowment

is made upon the express condition, "that if in said Seminary there ever shall be taught any other than the doctrines of the Holy Bible as they are interpreted, comprised and expounded in the articles of faith of our Reformed Dutch Church Compendium, Canons, and Heidelburgh Catechism, then and in that case, the said sum of seventeen hundred dollars, shall revert to the donor or his legal representatives." The Stryker Scholarship is gradually accumulating, and will in a few years be prepared to sustain a beneficiary. The sum of six hundred dollars bequeathed by the late Rev. Nicholas Lansing, is invested, and its interest applied to the support of indigent young men, students in divinity. It would be gratifying could this be fostered into a scholarship, to bear the name of the venerable man of God by whom it was bequeathed.

The arrangement authorized by the Synod in June last, respecting the mortgage on the Utica Church, has been made with Abraham Varick, Esq.

But a small amount of money has yet been paid towards the endowment of the Widows' Fund. The annual subscriptions of clergymen made in June 1837, will become due on the 10th of June, instant. The subscribers are respectfully reminded that the money cannot be productive until invested. The board hope that this important subject will receive the continued fostering care of the Synod.

The Synod at its session in 1837, passed the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this whole subject be referred to the Board of Corporation, to digest fully the plan, and frame such by-laws as in their judgment may seem proper and consistent with the report on the Widows' Fund, and report the same to the next General Synod.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be requested to send a circular to all our churches, embracing the great principles on which this fund shall be managed, and appeal to them for aid, at as early a day as possible."

The duty assigned by the latter of the above resolutions, was attended to in the month of August last, and the following circular sent to all our Churches.

CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO THE WIDOWS' FUND.

The General Synod, at its meeting in June last, resolved as follows: "*That the Board of Corporation be requested to send a circular to all our churches, embracing the great principle on which this fund shall be managed, and appeal to them for aid at as early a day as possible.*"—Minutes of Synod, p. 88.

In compliance with these instructions, the board have given to this subject, alike important and difficult, their best attention. They have sought to simplify the plan for raising and administering the fund, and to render it, as far as practicable, safe and efficient; intelligible to all, and commanding the confidence of all. The result of their endeavors is now submitted.

The fund shall be called the "*Fund for the Relief of Disabled Ministers*, and of the Widows and Children of Ministers of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," and shall be under the management and control of the General Synod.

Every minister of the Reformed Dutch Church may, by the payment of twenty dollars annually, secure an interest in the fund. Neglect of payment to be a forfeiture of privilege.

All receipts of money, whether from the annual payment of subscribers, collections in the churches, or donations by individuals, shall be safely invested, and allowed to accumulate, until the fund shall amount to *ten thousand dollars;* after which, the payments made by the ministers, and donations, when so specially directed by the donor, shall be considered income. All other donations, and the collections in the churches, to be considered principal, and the interest only to be used as income.

The maximum amount to be paid to parties interested in the fund, shall be, to a minister disabled by sickness or age, *two hundred dollars* per annum. To the widow of a deceased minister, *two hundred dollars* per annum. To children of clergymen, both whose parents have deceased, seventy-five dollars per annum each, until they attain the age of sixteen years.

Should the income, upon due experiment, be found to admit it, this maximum may hereafter be increased.

As long as the income is sufficient to pay each claimant the maximum annuity, the maximum shall be allowed. But should the income not be found sufficient, then the whole income shall be divided among the claimants, in proportion to their claims.

To a minister, disabled for duty, who has previously made but one payment, the maximum of the annuity allowed shall be *seventy-five dollars*. Where three annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be, *one hundred and fifty dollars*, and where payments have been made for five years and upwards, the maximum annuity shall be, as above stated, two hundred dollars. The widows and children of such, respectively to receive according to this graduation.

It is expressly understood, that in all the above cases, to entitle the claimants to their annuities, the payment of subscriptions must be continued until they cease by the operation of the principles herein contained.

A widow of a minister, contracting marriage, forfeits her claim to the annuity; but in such case the children under sixteen years of age, shall be entitled to their annuities, as though both parents had deceased.

It will be perceived, that a fund administered upon these principles will be entirely safe. No certain calculation as to the absolute amount of individual annuities, upon specific annual payments, can be made. A mistake in such calculation might ruin the fund, and deprive of all benefit from it, those who should come late into the receipt of their annuities. But, according to the plan proposed, the principal will remain untouched, and constantly accumulating; whilst annuitants receive the entire amount of income from all sources.

The advantages to ministers and their families are obvious. By an annual payment of only twenty dollars, is secured the probable amount of two hundred dollars per annum, at a time when other resources fail. Nor does the plan recommend itself less to the churches and congregations. An easy (small it is true) provision is thus made for their pastors and the families of pastors, when the labors of these servants of God are suspended by his own act. Congregations themselves will be freed from embarrassments, in at

once ministering to the comforts of those whom Christian charity and Christian duty forbid them to abandon, and at the same time in securing for themselves necessary ministerial service.

We have entire confidence that the subject will meet a prompt and generous response in the heart of the churches. The church has now no stated appeals for the support of her institutions, other than those for missionary and education purposes; and we trust that not only will ministers generally become subscribers to the fund, but that the annual collections recommended by Synod will be universally, cheerfully, and liberally met, and that benevolent individuals will freely contribute of their abundance.

Ten thousand dollars being secured, collections in one hundred churches, averaging thirty dollars each per annum, will, in thirty years, produce a fund of one hundred thousand dollars; whilst in the mean time, the whole income is constantly expended upon annuitants; and it is not to be doubted but that private liberality will greatly accelerate the accumulation.

The subject is earnestly recommended to the prompt and efficient action of ministers, churches and classes. Our hope is, that besides the subscriptions of ministers, the classes will, at their approaching meetings, according to the recommendation of Synod, appoint committees to solicit contributions in aid of the fund. A collection in all the churches, on or about the first Sabbath of October, is recommended by the Synod. (See Minutes, p. 87.)

Other details, in conformity with the general principles herein laid down, will be submitted to the next General Synod.

CORNELIUS HEYER, *President.*
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX, }
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer*, of the Board of Corporation of General Synod.

New-York, Aug. 14, 1837.

In addition to the provisions contained in the above circular, and which your committee request Synod to ratify, they submit the following particulars for the sanction of Synod.

The fund for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and children of ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church, shall be administered by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod, during the pleasure, and under the control of General Synod.

The said Board of Direction shall carefully invest all moneys contributed to the fund, and allow the same to accumulate until it amounts to *ten thousand* dollars; and afterwards, all contributions for the increase of the principal of the fund, shall be invested in such manner as to them shall appear most safe and profitable. No money, however, belonging to this fund, shall be loaned upon individual responsibility, (except on temporary loan with collateral security) unless secured by bond and mortgage on real estate.

The moneys belonging to this fund shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds belonging to General Synod.

The Officers of the Board of Corporation shall be officers of the trust. The treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income, and make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to General Synod, at each of its annual meetings. His accounts to be audited by a Committee of the Board of Corporation.

In disbursing the income of the fund when a minister is the applicant, he shall be required to produce a certificate from his Classis, or other satisfactory evidence, declaring that by reason of sickness, old age, or other providential cause, he is incapable of ministerial service.

Where a widow is an applicant, like satisfactory evidence of the death of her husband, and the date thereof shall be required.

Where children, both whose parents have deceased, like evidence of the death of their parents and of their own age shall be required.

The payment to annuitants shall be made half-yearly. To ministers, commencing with the date of their declared incapacity for service; to widows, from the death of their husbands; and to children, from the death of their last surviving parent.

The Treasurer's books, or authentic vouchers, shall furnish the evidence of the payment of subscriptions.

Annuitants shall be admitted to the benefit of the fund, by a vote of the trustees of the fund, or of a committee specially appointed for that purpose.

Rev. Dr. Knox, and William B. Crosby, have been appointed by this Board to give to Synod any information that may be required.

The Annual Digest is herewith submitted, and the Treasurer's Report appended.

CORNS. HEYER, *President.*

ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
W. B. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, June 1, 1838.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Young, *their Treasurer.*

1838		DR.		$	
June	7	To cash paid John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, for six months' interest on the amount of the Van Rensselaer, the William Paterson Van Rensselaer, the Rutgers, the Cornell, the Heyer, and the Margaret Burges Scholarships, at $1700 each, and the Wyckoff Scholarship at $2500, and also on 600 devised by Rev. Nicholas Lansing, deceased, to General Synod, the interest of which is to be applied to the support of indigent pious students in theology, all due 4th inst.		465	50
	17	" " Henry Schenck, for his attendance as door-keeper, and for stationary, furnished by him to General Synod, at their meeting in New-York, this month,		18	08
	21	" " Isaac Young, treasurer, one year's salary, due 10th instant, postage, &c.		254	38
	30	" " Peter Spader, the amount of sundry bills for materials and repairs to Rutgers College, directed to be paid by General Synod,		190	38
July	7	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested by him on temporary loan,		872	00
	19	" " Mercein & Post, for printing the Minutes of General Synod for 1837, paper, binding, &c.		162	35
		" " the following persons for their expenses in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College at New-Brunswick, on the 13th instant, viz:			
		Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck,	$9 50		
		" R. Sluyter,	8 50		
		" Isaac D. Cole,	5 00		
		" James Murphy,	15 00		
		" R. P. Lee, Jr.	4 75		
		" Joshua Boyd,	12 00		
		" James Stevenson,	12 00		
		" Christopher Hunt,	16 25		
		" W. S. Heyer,	5 50		
		" F. H. Vanderveer,	6 75		
				95	25
Aug.	10	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested by him on temporary loan,		2000	00
Sept.	4	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
		Carried forward,		4451	69

1837		DR.		
Sep.	6	Brought forward,	$4451	69
		To cash paid for postage of circulars respecting the Widows' Fund, and premium for specie to pay the same,	21	64
		" " W. Sanford, for printing said circulars,	7	05
	7	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College &c. due 1st inst.	393	75
	25	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
Oct.	2	" " the expenses of the delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, at Sunbury Pennsylvania, in the month of September last, viz: Rev. Benjamin Bassler, $40 50; " James Murphy, 41 50	82	00
Nov.	6	" " Lackey Reynolds, loaned to him on his bond and mortgage, with interest at 7 per cent.	2500	00
Dec.	5	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, for six months' interest on the amount of the Van Rensselaer, the William Paterson Van Rensselaer, the Rutgers, the Cornell, the Margaret Burges, and the Heyer Scholarships, at $1700 each, and the Wyckoff Scholarship, at $2500, and also on $600 devised by Rev. Nicholas Lansing, deceased, to General Synod,	465	50
	6	Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	12	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan,	1000	00
	18	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
	23	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, advanced by him for repairs to the stable at Rutgers College,	16	03
1838 Jan.	15	" " Greenwich Insurance Company, for premium of insurance on Rutgers College, for one year, $8000,	48	00
Feb.	9	" " Peter Spader, treasurer of Rutgers College, for one year's interest on Col. Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June last,	300	00
		" " Peter Spader, treasurer, &c., for dividends on ten shares Bergen turnpike stock, belonging to Rutgers College, up to this date,	15	00
		" " Peter Spader, treasurer, the amount of sundry bills for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College,	64	82
Mar	8	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary as professor, in the Theological College, due 1st instant,	393	75
		Carried forward,	11421	73

1838		DR.		
Mar	8	Brought forward,	$11421	73
		To cash paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary as professor, in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	17	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, for one quarter's salary as professor, &c., in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
Apr.	12	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler for a lock furnished for Rutgers College,	4	50
May	14	" " Rev. Dr. De Witt, this amount advanced by him for printing circulars respecting the Widows' Fund,	16	35
	17	" " Peter Spader, bills for repairs to Rutgers College,	72	29
	24	" " William Mandeville, loaned him on his bond and mortgage, with interest at 7 per cent.	3700	00
June	1	To balance carried to new account,	2445	40
			18491	52

1837		CR.			
June	3	By balance of last year's account, brought forward,		$480	11
	7	" cash received of W. Hardenbrook, Jr., treasurer, for six months' interest on the bond of the Reformed Dutch Church in Broome street, to General Synod, for $5000, due to-morrow,		150	00
		" " of Rev. James Brownlee, Questor of the Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to that Classis,		18	75
	21	" " for six months' interest on bond of $4000, due 4th instant,		140	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $6,800, due 4th inst.		238	00
	28	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d May last,		350	00
	30	" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the permanent fund of the General Synod, due 1st May last, viz:			
		from Maria A. Kissam,	$30		
		Leffert Lefferts	30		
		Thomas L. Chester,	15		
				75	00
July	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9,000, due this day,		315	00
	7	" " for the principal of the stock of the state of New-York, held by General Synod, paid off,	$800		
		Eight per cent. premium thereon to make it equal to specie,	72		
		One quarter's interest thereon due 1st inst.	12		
				884	00
		Carried forward,		2650	86

1837		CR.		
Aug	1	Brought forward,	$2650	86
		By cash received of Rev. Stephen Mecker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to that Classis,	8	75
	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000 due 5th June last,	60	00
		" " for premium of insurance on the Reformed Dutch Church at Utica, advanced by General Synod,	39	00
	4	" " of William A. Mercein, on account, for privilege of printing the Psalms and Hymns,	65	00
	8	" " for six months' interest on three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, two for 5000 dollars each, and one for 4000, the interest on one being due on the 1st May, another on the 5th, and the third on the 20th June last,	420	00
	9	" " of Edwin Clark, executor, &c. of John Clark deceased, on account of $3000, bequeathed by him to General Synod for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College,	2000	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st instant,	75	00
	14	" " for six months' interest on bond for $1200, due 8th July last,	42	00
	25	" " for one year's interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May last, from Richard F. Carman $30 Richard V. De Witt 30	60	00
Oct.	2	" " of Rev. Robert O. Currie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Utrecht, L. I. for the Widows' Fund,	18	11
	9	" " for six months' interest on bond of $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	26	" " of James Bogert, Jr. on account of his note for $1500 to General Synod, for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College,	500	00
	27	" " of Cornelius Heyer, amount placed in his hands on the 10th August last, to be invested on temporary loan with interest,	2021	38
		" " of Peter R. Warner, treasurer, collected in the Middle, North and Ninth street churches, New-York, for the Widows' Fund,	172	17
Nov.	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d October last,	70	00
	6	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $5500 due 1st inst.	192	50
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due this day,	290	50
	8	" " of Edwin Clark, executor, &c. of John Clark deceased, on account of $3000, bequeathed by him to General Synod for the endowment of a Scholarship,	625	00
	15	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.	150	00
		Carried forward,	9757	77

		CR.		
1837 Nov.	15	Carried forward,	$9757	77
		Cash received of Isaac Young, treasurer of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, for one year's interest on their subscription of $5000, to the Theological College, due 1st May last,	300	00
		" " for a collection made in the Reformed Dutch Church in Market street, New-York, for the Widows' fund,	46	00
	17	" " for collections made for the benefit of the Widows' fund, in the Reformed Dutch Churches at Saratoga and Northumberland,	10	75
	22	" " of Edwin Clark, executor, &c. of John Clark deceased, the balance of $3000 bequeathed by him to General Synod for the endowment of a Scholarship, with interest,	391	29
Dec.	1	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $10,000 due 22d November last,	350	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 5th inst.	60	00
		" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May last, from Thomas C. Doremus $30 William Taylor, Jr. 30	60	00
	2	" " of A. Van Nest, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, for the Widows' Fund,	28	50
	4	" " of Rev. Thomas M. Strong, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Flatbush, for the Widows' Fund,	21	82
		" " of Rev. Thos. M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Greene,	20	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due this day,	140	00
	5	" " of C. Zabriskie, for a dividend on twenty-two shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,	17	25
	6	" " of Jacob Brinckerhoff, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Schraalenberg, for the Widows' Fund,	10	12
	15	" " of Rev. S. H. Meeker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to that Classis,	20	00
	28	" " for six months' interest on two bonds, one for $5000 due 20th, and the other for $4000 due 5th instant,	270	00
1838 Jan.	5	" " of Rev. John Manley, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Saddle River for the Widows' Fund,	8	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000 due 1st instant,	345	00
	8	" " of Rev. S. Van Vechten, Questor of the Classis of Orange, for Minutes of General Synod,	28	75
	9	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 8th December last,	150	00
		Carried forward,	12005	25

1838		CR.		
Jan.	9	Brought forward,	12005	25
	26	By cash received of Rev. M. W. Dwight, Questor of the Classis of Long Island, for Minutes of General Synod,	14	50
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st February next,	75	00
Feb.	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for $6800, due 4th December last,	238	00
		" " for six months' interest en bond for $1200, due 18th January last,	42	00
	7	" " of W. Van Rensselaer, collected in the North Dutch Church, Albany, for the Widows' Fund,	118	75
	9	" " of Peter Spader, treasurer, &c. for the balance of cash in his hands due to the Professoral fund of the Theological College on the 22d Dec'r last,	194	00
	22	" " of Anthony Kerr, for one year's interest on his subscription of $250 to the permanent fund of General Synod due 1st May last,	15	00
Mar	15	" " for interest on bond for $5500 up to the 23d February last, three months and twenty-four days,	121	57
Apr.	2	" " for two years' interest on subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May next, from M. Van Schaick, $120 F. Olmsted, 24	144	00
	7	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	10	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500 due 26th March last,	87	50
	18	" " of Rev. W. S. Heyer, Questor of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, for Minutes of General Synod,	56	00
	23	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due this day,	70	00
	24	" " of Rev. C. L. Van Dyck, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Ulster,	40	23
May	1	" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, Questor of the Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of General Synod,	17	50
	4	" " of Rev. J. Van Liew, Questor of the Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes of General Synod,	8	25
	7	" " of James Bogert Jr. the balance of his note for $1500, for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College,	1000	00
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due yesterday,	290	50
	9	" " of Rev. G. Abeel for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Cayuga,	40	00
		" " for interest on bond for $5500 up to 1st instant, 2 months 5 days,	70	93
	11	" " of Rev. T. M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of N. York, $83 and to the Classis of Washington, 12	95	00
	15	" " of Rev. G. J. Garretson, for his subscription for one year to the Widows' Fund, due 10th June next,	20	00
		Carried forward,	15061	48

1838		CR.			
May	16	Brought forward,		$15061	48
		By cash received of Brockholst L. Kip, Leonard W. Kip, and Francis M. Kip, for the endowment of a Scholarship, to be called the "Isaac L. Kip Scholarship,"		1700	00
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, the amount paid to him on the 12th December last, to be invested on temporary loan, with interest,		1024	83
	17	" " of William A. Mercein, on account, for the privilege of publishing the Psalms and Hymns,		193	50
	19	" " of Abraham Van Nest, for one year's interest on his subscription of $5000 to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st inst.		300	00
		" " of Rev. Dr. Brownlee, for his subscription for one year to the Widows' Fund, due 10th June next,		20	00
	22	" " of Rev. John A. Liddle, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus,		14	00
		" " Collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Brooklyn, for the Widows' Fund,		64	65
	23	" " Collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Freehold, for the Widows' Fund,		13	06
		" " of the following persons, for their subscriptions for one year to the Widows' Fund, due 10th June next, viz:			
		Rev. Stephen H. Meeker,	$20		
		" William S. Heyer,	20		
		" Dr. Knox,	20		
		" Francis M. Kip,	20		
		" James Otterson,	20		
				100	00
				$18491	52
June	1	By balance due to General Synod,		$2445	40

Errors excepted,

ISAAC YOUNG,
Treasurer.

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod, of two thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars and forty cents.

CORNELIUS HEYER,
W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

NEW-YORK, June 2, 1838.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1838.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds devoted to Education Purposes.

The Van Benschoten Fund.

The amount of this fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds, secured by mortgages upon property in the state of New-Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1838, to	$19,680 00
Balance in his hands on that day,	742 69
Interest due on same fund, 1st May, 1838,	1,489 80
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest on this fund, during the past year,	813 00

Legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox.

The amount of this fund is $2,000, which is loaned on bond, secured by mortgage, on property in the state of New-Jersey,	$2,000 00
Interest due on this fund, 1st May 1838,	120 00
Balance of interest of this fund in the hands of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., on the 1st April, 1838,	17 86
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this fund during the past year,	150 00
Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for education purposes,	$19,500 00

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to the Widows' Fund,	596 32

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages, on real estate,	$62,300 00
Professoral fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred by them to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, rendered 22d December, 1837,	3,650 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Notes given for subscriptions,	300 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 00
Cash in hand belonging to the permanent fund,	889 64

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year,	$381 73
And there has been paid for paper, printing, &c.	162 35

CORNS. HEYER, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 2*d June*, 1838.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Cornelius Heyer, President; Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, Rev. John Knox, D. D., and William B. Crosby, Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The Rev. Bernard C. Wolff, and Theodore L. Hoffeditz, of the German Reformed Church having appeared in Synod, and presented testimonials of their appointment, took their seats as corresponding members.

A report was received from the Committee to open a correspondence with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to report a plan of correspondence with the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, respectfully recommend to Synod the adoption of the following plan of correspondence, between the two Churches.

I. The Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, shall each appoint a minister with an alternate, to sit in the highest judicatories respectively, with the privilege of deliberating on all subjects coming before them, and of making suggestions on matters affecting the interests of both bodies mutually, or pertaining to the general interests of religion; but not of voting.

II. The ministers, members, and judicatories of these churches (treating each other with Christian respect) shall always recognize the validity of each other's acts and ordinances consonant to the word of God; it being understood, that any ecclesiastical judicatory belonging to either body, may examine persons, or review cases of discipline, on points at present peculiar or distinctive to themselves respectively.

W. C. BROWNLEE,
JOHN KNOX,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, } *Committee.*

The following report was received from the delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to be convened in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday of June, 1838.

The undersigned, commissioned in June 1837, to represent the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, in the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, beg leave to report, that before they had an opportunity to exhibit the testimonials of their appointment, they found the General Assembly divided, and organized into two distinct bodies, each claiming to be the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Under these extraordinary circumstances, your delegates refrained from offering their credentials, and felt that their duty would be discharged, by simply informing the General Synod of the fact.

JAS. B. HARDENBURGH,
FREDERICK ERRINGER.

Philadelphia, May 28th, 1838.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom the above was referred, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the report of our delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, respectfully submit for the adoption of Synod, the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, your delegates represent that they refrained from offering their credentials, in consequence of the occurrence of peculiar circumstances, not contemplated at the period of their appointment, by which on the organization of the Assembly, two bodies were created, each claiming to be the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church :

And whereas, while we deeply sympathize with our beloved sister church in her trials, and earnestly pray that they may be over-ruled by divine Providence for the furtherance of truth and purity, yet neither duty claims, nor propriety allows, that this Synod, either by its delegates or its own official acts, should even

appear to assume the authority of an arbitrator between the opposing portions of another ecclesiastical body: Therefore,

Resolved, That under the circumstances of the case, Synod approve the course pursued by said delegates.

Resolved, That for the present, Synod will abstain from all action under the terms of correspondence, existing between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, so far as relates to the interchange of delegates between the two bodies.

By order of the Committee,

THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.

The Rev. John N. M'Leod, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding delegate, and laid upon the table of the Synod, several copies of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at their last session.

The following report was received from the Committee to correspond with the United Associate Church of Scotland, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

New-York, June 5th, 1838.

The undersigned, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, would beg leave to state, that he has no communication at present to lay before the Reverend General Synod, from the General Synod of Edinburgh.

He hopes the Committee will be continued, and be instructed to publish in the Christian Intelligencer any communications which they may receive from the General Synod of the *United Associate Church*, in Scotland, or which said Committee may make to the aforesaid General Synod.

He would beg leave respectfully to suggest, that, as the Rev. Dr. Brodhead has removed to a distance from the city, and as the other

member of the Committee, the Hon. Mr. Vroom, resides in Somerville, New-Jersey, it would be proper to put another member on the Committee, who resides in this city, in order that a majority of the Committee could come together conveniently, and often, to consult; and let it be either a layman, in the place of Mr. Vroom, or a minister in the place of Dr. Brodhead.

All which is most respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Cor. with the General Synod, United Associate Church.*

The following communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Associate Reformed Synod of New-York, at its meeting in Caledonia, Sept. 4th, 1837, received the report of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, upon a plan of correspondence. After discussion, the following resolution was proposed and adopted as a substitute for the first article.

"*Resolved*, That the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, entertaining sentiments of brotherly affection toward our brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church, propose and agree to carry on a friendly correspondence, by the interchange of letters touching the general interests of religion in our country and the world."

Extracted from the Minutes of Synod,

R. PROUDFIT, *Stated Clerk.*

As the second article is substantially recognized by the Constitution of our Church, it was considered unnecessary to act upon it.

A communication was received from the Rev. William Wilson, through the Rev. Mr. M'Leod, the corresponding delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, inviting the Synod to unite in a Convention, to be held in October next, in the city of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of effecting a more perfect union between churches that approximate to each other in doctrine, worship, and order; which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence, in addition to their report already adopted by Synod, would respectfully submit, that various documents have been referred to their notice, claiming the consideration of this body; in regard to which, severally, they would suggest the following action.

1. The chairman of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence states, that he has no communication to present from the General Synod of Edinburgh. He "hopes that the Committee may be continued, and instructed to publish in the Christian Intelligencer, any communications which may be received from the General Synod of the United Associate Church in Scotland, and any which they may make, to the aforesaid Synod." He also suggests, that as the Rev. Dr. Brodhead, has removed to a distance from the city of New-York, and another member of the Committee resides at Somerville, New-Jersey, it will be proper to place another member on the Committee, resident in New-York, for the sake of convenient consultation.

Your Committee would respectfully propose, with reference to the foregoing communication, the following resolutions.

Resolved, The said Committee on Foreign Correspondence be continued, and that they be authorized to make such publications in the Christian Intelligencer, of letters received, or sent, as in their judgment may be advisable.

Resolved, That the Rev Dr. Ferris be substituted as a member of said Committee in the place of the Rev. Dr. Brodhead.

2. From the Stated Clerk of the Associate Reformed Synod of New-York, a communication has been received in relation to the proposed plan of correspondence between that Synod and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church. It will be recollected, that at the last annual meeting of our body, a committee of the aforesaid Associate Reformed Synod appeared, and a plan of correspondence, by delegates, mutually approved by said committee and a committee of this Synod, was presented, and on our part

ratified. Said plan having been submitted by their committee to the Associate Reformed Synod, the following resolution was adopted, and is communicated to this house:

"*Resolved*, That the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church entertaining sentiments of brotherly affection towards our brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church, propose and agree to carry on a friendly correspondence, by the interchange of letters, touching the general interests of religion in our country and the world."

These sentiments of brotherly affection we would warmly reciprocate, and pray that divine influences may be poured down richly upon our brethren of the Associate Church. But as your Committee can discover no important ends to be attained by an interchange of letters on the general interests of religion, between neighbors in such immediate proximity, which would not be attained by an inspection of the published minutes of each body, they refrain from proposing any specific action on the subject.

3. From the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, the following preamble and resolutions, found on the Minutes of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, have been referred to us.

"Whereas the unpleasant intelligence has reached our ears, that in Holland, the land of our fathers, a persecution for righteousness' sake has been carried on with the approbation, if not by the authority of the government; and whereas the Reformed Churches of some other countries have addressed the Dutch authorities in relation to this matter, and expressed their sympathies for the suffering; Therefore, *Resolved*, That we feel deeply distressed at what appears to us not only so contrary to the light and liberal principles of the age in which we live, but to be a strange work in our father land, which in a former age, proved the house of refuge for all Europe. *Resolved*, that it be recommended to General Synod to express the sentiments and feelings of our portion of the Reformed Dutch Church, by addressing a letter of respectful remonstrance to the Dutch government, or one of sympathy to the persecuted, or both, or in any other way deemed more appropriate."

While the subject to which allusion is here made, is one well calculated to awaken and enlist the sympathies of our communion,

if the allegations set forth in the above preamble be well founded, it is also one of the utmost delicacy and difficulty. And as your Committee have no facts nor documents, within their reach, from which to form an enlightened judgment, that might be the guide of official acts on the part of this Synod, if such acts were deemed proper and desirable, they therefore offer no resolution or recommendation in the premises.

4. An affectionate, fraternal letter, addressed to the president of this Synod, and signed by Rev. William Wilson, has received the consideration of your Committee. The writer states, that he has been appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, a delegate to represent that body in a proposed "CONVENTION of such evangelical denominations as may be disposed to accede to the measure, for the purpose of promoting, and if possible, effecting on a scriptural basis, the visible unity of those departments of the Church of God:" and he asks respectfully, that this Synod may be represented in such convention. By a reference to the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, where is found a deeply interesting report on the subject, it appears that the plan of this convention embraces "those Reformed Churches that approximate the nearest to each other, in doctrines and worship:" and has received the favorable notice of several evangelical denominations. The convention is appointed to be held *at Pittsburg, on the third Wednesday of October* 1838.

The entire subject, your Committee deem to be one of profound interest, and vast importance. Is it to be regarded as one of the signs of the times? Is it true that the light begins to break upon the darkness and confusion which have so long held terrific empire over the churches of our land? Is this the morning dawn spreading upon the mountains, the delightful harbinger of a bright and sunny day? Have we in this movement, another evidence that man's extremity is God's opportunity. We know that he can compose the troubled elements, and at a moment and by means the most unexpected, can bring order out of confusion. Does he mean now to interpose, and by such methods to make righteousness and truth, and purity, and peace, to spring forth before all people?

We would attend, ready, as we hope, to follow the leadings of his providence. We would feel our dependence, and realize his absolute sovereignty. "He speaks and it is done: he commands and it stands fast forever and ever." The operation of his spirit can bring the *watchmen to see eye to eye*. We acknowledge that the subject in its whole aspect, is well worthy of all the consideration it can receive.

As regards definitive action, your Committee have found no small difficulty in suggesting a course proper to be pursued in the present state of the matter. Their individual feelings would lead them strongly to recommend that a committee be appointed by this Synod, to attend on the deliberations of the proposed convention. They certainly desire to meet and respond to the invitation, in the same spirit of fraternal affection in which it has been extended. But not feeling authorized in the present stage of the business to recommend the formal appointment of delegates as to a corresponding body, they have deemed it best to remit this point to the determination of Synod itself. Should it be considered inexpedient at present to adopt decisive steps, and should no Committee be sent, they still ask for the subject solemn and prayerful reflection. They would earnestly commend it to the most attentive consideration of all who love the peace of Jerusalem, and bear upon their hearts the Saviour's petition, uttered as in anticipation of the divisions which subsequent times would develope, the touching supplication that *his disciples might all be one*.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee,

THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That in the present state of information on the subject of the contemplated convention, this Synod are not prepared to take any farther order in the case.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to elect the same, when the following were chosen:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church: Rev. Abraham Messler and Benjamin C. Taylor, *primarii;* Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and Brogun Hoff, *secundi.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church: Rev. Ransford Wells, *primarius;* and Rev. George H. Fisher, *secundus.*

The following report was received from the delegates to the German Reformed Synod.

Albany, June 1838.

The undersigned, delegates to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, beg leave to report to General Synod, that according to appointment, they attended the last meeting of the German Synod, which met at Sunbury, Pennsylvania; were received kindly and affectionately, and treated with great Christian courtesy, and were highly pleased to witness the order and propriety of all their proceedings; in particular, the zeal which was manifest in the establishment of their literary and theological institutions, and their unanimity in resolving to enter immediately into the Foreign Missionary operations. All their affairs present a favorable aspect for the advance of vital piety and the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MURPHY,
BENJAMIN BASSLER.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session, in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee of arrangements, consisting of Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, John Knox, D. D., and Abraham Messler, and the Elders, William C. Miller, and William Mann.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer-meeting be held every morning during the present session, at 6 o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Second Reformed Dutch Church in this city.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee have endeavored to obtain all suitable information on the subject of their appointment, and feel happy to find so much to cause rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord during the past year, as manifested in the glory and beauty of our Zion. Her numbers have been greatly increased, and peace has been preserved in all her parts, and we are cheered with the joyful news of the triumphs of the Redeemer, and the *fulfilment* of the promise, "Lo I am with you even unto the end of the world."

We have reason to praise the Lord that his work has been revived in many of our churches, and on some the Spirit of the Lord has been poured out copiously. Not only has the question been asked, "What shall we do to be saved?" but a large number rejoice in the hope of salvation. Such news is the more interesting and pleasing as it is so different from the reports of a few of the past years; when lamentations over the melancholy state of the church, and the indifference of sinners to the "one thing needful," compelled us to sit silent, amazed, ashamed, and often to ask, why are these things so? That state of things may be ascribed to several causes; among them, we may name the wild hastening to be rich which prevailed through the whole community—entered the holy precincts of the church, engrossed the hearts of professing Christians, and occupied their time in schemes to acquire wealth, and laboring for the perishable riches of this world, until in pursuing earthly things heavenly and divine things seemed to be entirely forgotten; and while many were willing to give money, so easily acquired, they withheld their hearts, prayers, and hands, from the work of the Lord, and the experiment seemed to be tried, whether men can serve God and mammon. But "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

When every wish appeared about to be gratified, and every hope to be realized, our great commercial metropolis was touched in the

very seat of her pride and greatness, and the instability of all earthly grandeur, and the certainty how soon riches may take to themselves wings and fly away, was fully demonstrated, when the devouring element, in a few hours, consumed the palaces of our merchant-princes, and the rich productions of every quarter of the globe.

The Lord laid his hands on the products of our fertile lands—a land which had always hitherto supplied the wants of her children, refused her bounties. These, combining with other causes, have produced in many minds an entire conviction of the truth, "the Lord omnipotent reigneth."

The season of gloom, by many clear-minded and judicious Christians, has been also ascribed to the unusual measures resorted to a few years ago, when every effort was made to produce a great excitement of the public mind, which, in many instances, resulted most unhappily for the real interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The minds of men, hurried onward to the one extreme by the laws of human nature, soon rapidly returned, and fell to the opposite extreme, and now we are only recovering a just equilibrium.

The hand of the Lord has been upon us, but it has been wrath mingled with mercy—to humble us, to make us feel our dependence, and to bring us home as wandering children to our Father's house.

The plain causes of our present happy, rising state, may be ascribed to a return to our first principles and practices, viz:

Faithfully preaching the gospel, addressed to the consciences of men, instruction in the Word of God, in Sabbath-schools, Bible-classes, and the Heidelberg Catechism; which has for several years appeared to be sinking into disuse in portions of the church, but now begins again, as it ever ought to have been, to be considered the best mode of teaching the precious doctrines of godliness: and the establishment of prayer-meetings in all our churches, the steady performance of the duty of going about from house to house, testifying to all the necessity of repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and the regular administration of the ordinances.

So fully do these means, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, commend themselves to the heads, hearts, and consciences of men, that we need no other to accomplish the great work of conquering the do-

minions of "the prince of the power of the air," and bringing the world under the reign of King Emanuel.

The Lord is now fulfiling his promise, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." The Dutch Church, at no period of her history, has presented a nobler appearance than at this time.

The value of her standards were never more fully appreciated, nor her ministers and people more fully united in sentiment, doctrine, views, practices; and kindly feelings of confidence in each other, and a settled purpose to go forward in their work, in the strength of the Lord; and although our numbers are small, yet, at this time the Dutch Church stands high in public estimation, and is exerting an immense moral and religious influence on society, and commands the confidence of reflecting men.

We may bless the Lord for a revived state of our churches, viz: In Market street, and Third street churches, in the South Classis of New-York; Bergen, Pompton, English Neighborhood, in the Classis of Bergen. The First and Third Churches in Philadelphia, and Manayunk and Roxburgh, of the Classis of Philadelphia, speak with gratitude of the work of the Spirit.

The Collegiate Churches of New-York, and the Second Church of Somerville, have likewise enjoyed the abiding influences of the Spirit.

In the churches at the North Branch and Bedminster, and First Church of Somerville, many are represented as turning to the Lord, and seeking redemption in the Saviour. The same may be said of several of the churches in the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

From the Classis of Albany we learn that their churches have been greatly revived; their language, is "the year past has been a year of continued revival to the churches."

In the Classis of Greene, the First and Second Churches of Coxsakie, Athens, and Moresville, have received large accession to their communion, and have been refreshed by the presence of the Lord.

The Classis of Rensselaer reports an unusual increase in the zeal and piety of the churches; the Church of Claverack has experienced an especial outpouring of the Spirit.

The Classis of Cayuga is rejoicing in the reviving influences of the Holy Ghost, manifested in several of their churches.

And although nothing of a very marked character appears in the other Classes, yet they breathe the same hope in the Redeemer; and what we have never been able to do before, the Classis of Montgomery is fully supplied with the Gospel ministry, and things are in a rising and prosperous state, and several of the churches have experienced seasons of revival.

The blessings of a revival in the church at New-Brunswick, where one hundred and thirty-one of such as we trust shall be saved have been received to the communion of the church, are remarkably propitious to the cause and interests of religion, on account of the influence exerted on our literary and theological institutions, which have partaken largely of the precious work, and now give us an assurance of copious streams to revive and make glad the city of our God. Those precious youth, instructed and brought up in the pure atmosphere of vital piety, promises to bless our destitute churches with able ministers of the New Testament, and to furnish heralds of the cross to the heathen world—the answer to our prayers, and the reward of our exertions for the glory of God.

The spirit of domestic and foreign missions is still strong among our people, and exhibits an increasing interest in the salvation of men. It is pleasing to reflect on the large number of churches aided, revived, refreshed, and established, giving strength to our Zion, and confirming the people to the standards of the church.

We rejoice too that our sons are now in the missionary field, aiding in the great work of evangelizing the world, and carrying forward the claims of God, and we hope will continue to do so, until the happy day shall come, when the desert shall blossom as the rose and the barren places shall break forth into singing.

On the whole the Church exhibits great purity of doctrine, excellence in morals, ardency in piety, peace in her borders, uniformity in practice, and a delightful union among ministers and people, and stands on high ground in point of respectability abroad, and harmony at home.

Thus our Zion appears rising fair as the sun, bright as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners, and looking forward to a progressive power of holiness, and an onward steady march,

under the banners of our King, until his peaceful reign shall extend over all mankind.

Every encouragement is given to the General Synod to persevere in the labors of love in which they are now engaged. Experience proves the correctness of the course in the present happy state of things, and by the divine blessing promises to realize all our hope for time to come.

True, we have to mourn over the prevalence of many sins in the land; that from a few churches the reports are rather gloomy; and that for some reason some of our churches have not come up fully to the aid of our important benevolent institutions; and some mourn over the desecrations of the Sabbath, and other sins; yet the very naming them shows attention is turned to them, and points out objects to which to direct our labors and efforts; and the same means, so much blessed to other churches, will not fail of producing similar results.

Your committee are fully convinced that we need no new experiments, but that perseverance in the very course which we are now pursuing will be crowned with success. Your committee are persuaded that our energies ought to be combined in support of our Schools, Education Boards, and Boards of Missions, Domestic and Foreign; since in them we have found the sources of our moral influences and spiritual power. And your committee are also persuaded, that the church will not disappoint us when we ask their aid; and we now trust the church will put on her holy panoply, and the word be—forward—forward—until the coming of the Lord Jesus in the power and glory of his Father.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MURPHY, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
New-York,	John Knox, W. C. Brownlee, T. De Witt,				40	12	16		13		53	2						310 Fourth st. N.York. 366 Greenwich st. " 108 Leonard st. "
Franklin street,	C. Hunt,				13	10	11		13	400	28	1	130	95	1	150	120	583 Broome st. "
Broome street,	S. A. Van Vranken,	235	1300	395	14	16	29		5	391	13	1	60		2	260	170	418 Broome st, "
Houstoun street,	E. Baldwin,	100	600															145 Greene st. "
Greenwich,	N. J. Marselus, S. C.	300	1600	390	15	25	12		2	416	32	1	140		2	386	302	54 Hammond st. "
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	62	300	35	10	5	2		4	44	14	1	25		1	70	45	New-York.
Harlaem,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	100	400				2								1	80		Harlaem.
Fordham,	P. I. Van Pelt,	86	300	38	7	2				47	6	2	42					West-Farms P. Office.
Tarrytown,	G. Dubois,	75	400		3	5	1		1	85	19			36				Tarrytown.
Unionville,	I. Moule,																	Unionville.
Staten-Island,	J. Brownlee,	174		108	10	7	3		4	118	24	2			1	93	70	Cityville, Staten Island.
Ger. Reformed Church,																		
Twenty-first st. ch.																		

Ministers without charge—Rev. Ava Neal, William Boice, George Bourne, John Mulligan, C. C. Vermeule, and A. I. Labagh, ministering at St. Thomas, W. I.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tompkinsville,	John E. Miller,	72	360	89	9	2	10		1	89	18	1	27		2	128	70	
South Dutch,	John M. M'Auley,																	
Market street,	Isaac Ferris,	200	1200	401	29	14	27		3	414	29	4	140	70	1	319	210	
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,	70	250	46	13	15	6		2	66	27	3	37	8	1	305	275	
New South Dutch, Washington square,	J. M. Matthews, M. S. Hutton,				8	56			3	61	3				1	122		
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	80	390	105	3	2	2			108	27		30		1	110		
Courtlandt-town,	C. D. Westbrook,	50	300							125	8				2			

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bibilical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
New-Brunswick,	S. B. Howe,	350	1925	401	131	16	22	2	5	519	46	16						New-Brunswick.
Six Mile Run,	J. C. Sears,	190	1050	242	3	5		2	7	241	18	1	150		7	270		Six Mile Run.
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,																	
1st Somerville,	A. Messler,	175	962	253	40	2	2		2	291	19	10	100		5	265		Somerville.
2d Somerville,	C. Whitehead, S. C.	93	537	128	17	21	6	1	5	154	18	2	60		4	150		Somerville.
Bedminster,	I. M. Fisher,	200			21	8	8	2	5		10	4	170	170	7	300		Pluckemin.
North Branch,	A. D. Wilson,	75	416	83	1	2	1		1	84	13				1	70		North Branch.
Rockaway,	P. S. Williamson,	129	645	100	6	3	3	1		105			40					Whitehouse, N. J.
Lebanon,	C. P. Wack,																	
Spottswood,	J. C. Van Liew,	175	900	112	1	1	1			113	8		30		5	125	100	Spottswood.
Freehold,	J. Otterson,	142	560	137	3		3		2	137	34							Freehold.
Middlebush,	J. J. Schultz,	54	350	79	6	2	2		1	84	9	1	47	21	3	129	116	Middlebush.
Middletown,	Vacant,																	
Middletown Village,	Vacant,	44								30						50		
Fairview,	Vacant,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. J. Janeway, J. T. B. Beekman, J. S. Mabon, J. F. Morris.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Bergen,	B. C. Taylor, S. C.	240	1350	216	24	7	10		6	231		30	2	35	25	1	187		Bergen, Bergen Co. N. J.
English Neighborhood,	P. Duryea,	80	350	67	19	1	4		2	81		4	4	15	10	2	100	80	Eng. Neighborhood "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner,	125	550	105	7	11	1	1		121		21	1	40		1	80		Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg,	M. Osborne,	154	708		9	3	2	2	6	160		24		40					Kinderkamack, "
Belleville,	J. Garretson,	163	824	155	6	9	6	2		162		16		186	25	3	291	221	Belleville, Essex Co. "
Stonehouse Plains,	A. C. Hillman,	80	300	25	2	0				27		2				1	35		Bloomfield, "
Jersey City,	M. Lusk,	60	300		7	7	5	1	3	64		6	2	70	35	1	150	60	Jersey City, "
Pompton,	I. S. Demund,	150		120	21	1	5		4	132		7		120	20		140	130	Pompton, "
Pompton Plains,*	G. C. Schenck,	160	960	132	4	9	5	2	5	133		20			14	3	154	145	Pompton, "
Ponds, Preakness, Wyckoff,	Z. H. Kuypers,																		Paterson, "
Fairfield,	A. Bronson,			137	7	1	20†		1	125		20				2			Little Falls, "
Montville,	J. Woods,	100	500				2		1	82		9				1	60	50	Montville, "
Bergen Neck,	I. C. Boice,	80	410	50	2	2	2			52		12				2	110	90	102 Nassau st. N. Y.
Newark,	R. Wells,	155	900	169	14	22	14		3	188		14	2	150	30	1	280	210	Newark, N. J.
Little Falls,‡										26		4	2			1	50		Little Falls, N. J.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, and Rev. Jacob Ennis, foreign missionary.

* Report for two years.

† These persons were dismissed to organize the church at Little Falls.

‡ This church was organized October 17th, 1837, and is statedly supplied by Rev. A. Bronson.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Cen us.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Tappan,	Isaac D. Cole,	160	800	171	10	3	1			183	16		100					Tappan, Rockland Co.
Clarkstowa	Peter J. Quick,	192	844	167	9	4	8		4	168	24		50					Clarkstown, "
Saddle River and Pascack,	John Manley,	115	522		4	4			4	105	10		24		3	60		Pascack, Bergen Co. N.J.
Paramus,	W. Eltinge,	130	607		5	2			1	90	7		24					
1st R. D. C. of Totowa,	Ebenezer Wiggins, S.C.	176	781		12	5	3		3	160	22				1	137		Paterson, "
2d do do	John A. Liddle,	149	600	174	15	5	5		2	187	17				1	170	150	" "
Aquacknonk,	Wm. R. Bogardus,	200	1100	192	9	3	3		5	197	29	3			2			Aquacknonk, N. J.
West New-Hempstead & Ramapo,	Peter Allen,																	Ramapo, Rockland Co.
Warwick,	J. W. Stewart,																	Warwick.

CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Brooklyn,	M. W. Dwight,	135	800		8	4			1		13	2		40	4	300	250	Brooklyn.
New-Utrecht,	R. O. Currie,	85	475	93	16	3	3		4	105	25	1	70	50	3	170	150	Fort-Hamilton.
Gravesend,	I. P. Labagh,	101	500	65	6		2		3	68	15	2			1	70	60	Flatbush.
Flatlands,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	85	500	80	9		2		1	86	10	2	50	45	2	120	100	Do.
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	100	650	123	6	6	3		1	131	9		25	20	2	144	118	Do.
New-Lots,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	75	450	60	1		3		1	57	5				1	70	60	Do.
Williamsburgh,	James Demarest, S. C.	65	350	59	2	13	2		1	72	10	1		60	1	100	80	Williamsburgh.
Newtown,	G. J. Garretson,	82	500	92	8	2	1		1	100	7	1	45	36	2	100	80	Newtown.
Jamaica,	J. Schoonmaker,	55	890	149	2	2	1		2	150	14		45	50	4	110	90	Jamaica.
North-Hempstead,	William R. Gordon,	51	219	38	3	1				42				10				Cow-Neck.
Oyster-Bay,	R. A. Quin,	58	300	70	12					82	5	1	18		1	100	75	Cedar-Swamp.
2d Church, Brooklyn,	Vacant,			23	3	23	2			47	2	1			1	85	50	Brooklyn.

Ministers without charge—Rev. William H. Campbell and John Robb.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			*Post Office Addresses.*
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
North Branch,	J. Van Liew,	200	1000	237	6	4	6		6	235		33	2	95	60				Centreville, N. J.
Harlingen,	P. Labagh,	140	700	263	3	10	6	2	6	264		11		80	100	5	360		Harlingen.
New-Shannock,	G. Ludlow,	190	1000	178	8	6	2	1	1	188		39	3	120	60	5	120		Flaggtown.
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	125	650	195	5				4	196		5							Newtown, Pa.
1st Ch. Philadelphia,	J. B. Hardenburgh,	265	1325	583	25	46	59	5	11	425		62	12	200	50	4	600	450	Philadelphia.
2d " "																			
Manyunk,	S. A. Bumstead, S. C.	50	400	115	30	6	15		1	135		22	7	34	22	1	200	150	Manyunk, Pa.
Blawenbergh,	J. R. Talmadge,	82	530	135	10	6	7	2	2	140		3	2	65	50	4	175	145	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mt. Pleasant,	J. R. Van Arsdale,	60	280	27	2	7				36		16		30		1	25	20	White-House, Pa.
Clover-Hill,	Wm. Demarest,	35		20			2												Clover-Hill, N. J.
Roxborough,	S. A. Bumstead,	45	250	33	34					67		22	23	28	120	1	130	110	Roxborough, Pa.
3d Ch. Philadelphia,	Geo. W. Bethune,	55	450		14	13				64		2	3			1	125	90	Philadelphia.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. Ludlow, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Amzi Babbit, John Gosman.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd UnConfession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended,	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Poughkeepsie,	Alexander M. Mann,																	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill,	F. M. Kip, S. C.			115	9	1			2	123	11		66	31	1		75	Fishkill.
New-Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	700	182	9	4	2			193	15	1						New-Hackensack.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,	100	600	166	35	9	2		3	205	10	13	15	30	3		115	Fishkill.
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,																	Fishkill Landing.
Hyde Park,	John C. Cruickshank,																	Hyde-Park.
Rhinebeck,	James Lillie,																	Rhinebeck.
Linlithgow,	J. H. Van Wagenen,	165	1035	149	7	5	8	2	3	148	4	1	25	30	5		150	Livingston.
Greenbush and	H. Vedder,	100		100	2													Pine Plains.
Tagkanick,		90		95														
Red Hook Landing,	Vacant,																	Germantown.
Red Hook,	J. W. Hangen,	86	400	83			2		1	81					1			
G. R. Sanctity Ch.	Do.	120	600	150	4	1	6		8	141			36		2	80	55	
Mount Pleasant,	G. H. Fisher, S.S.	100	450	28														
Glenham,	Vacant,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. F. B. Thompson, Missionary to Java. Rev. Jos'h Wilson.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		B. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
1st. R. D. Albany,	T. E. Vermilye, S. C.	228	1310	339	18	9	13		4	349	20	1	150		1	360		Albany.
2d do do	I. N. Wyckoff,	227	1150	319	22	25	9	4	6	347	36	2	225		2	350	200	do
3d do do	E. Holmes,	90	420	79	9	20	3		2	130	10		50	65	1	165	110	do
Bethlehem,	S. Kissam,	150	800	114	25		5		4	103	25	2						Bethlehem.
Jerusalem,	do																	
Gibbonsville,	Vacant.																	Watervliet.
Union,	S. V. E. Westfall,																	
Salem,	do																	
2d Ch. Berne,	Vacant,	45	225		36					65			50					East-Berne.
Westerlo,	do				9	6	1		1		10	1	6					Westerlo,
Coeymans,	do																	Coeymans.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	348	17	18	13	1	6	363	25	3	30			200		Schenectady.
Amity,	A. B. Chittenden, S. C.	100	530	138	3	7	4		4	140	13		16	14	3	80		Visscher's Ferry.
Niskeyuna,	H. A. Raymond,	135	780	241	3	2	6	1	9	230	17	1	62	40	4	140		Watervliet Centre.
1st Glenville,*	S. Bunnell,	155	850	125	31	14	3	1		166	5	16		83	7	270		Glenville.
2d Glenville,	Vacant,																	Schenectady.
1st Rotterdam,	Vacant,																	West-Rotterdam.
2d Rotterdam,	J. Boyd,	115	600	99	2	3	5		2	97	15		35	12	3	80	60	Rotterdam.
Helderburgh,	Thomas Frazer,	102		193	2	2	5	2	2	188	22			8		20		Guilderland Cent.
Princeton,	Vacant,																	Princeton.
Boght,	C. Bogardus,	58								78								Cahoes.

* Reported for two years.

Ministers without charge—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, H. B. Stryker, J. A. Yates, A. H. Swits, John Nott, R. J. Blair.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Hudson,	G. H. Fisher, S. C.			29			2			41								Hudson.
Claverack,	Richard Sluyter,	240	1400	508	71	2	5		4	572	27	8						Claverack.
Ghent and Hillsdale,	P. S. Wynkoop,	100		187	10	3	4		4	197	12							Ghent.
Kinderhook,	John C. Vandervoort,			350	47	8	6		3	396	8	4						Kinderhook,
Stuyvesant,	A. N. Kittle,																	Stuyvesant.
Schodack,	John Gray,	300	3000	207	69	4	17		3	251	30	12						Schodack Landing.
Nassau,	J. P. Knox,																	Nassau.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimpson,	250	1525	287	4	2	4		1	290	13							Schodack Centre.
Blooming Grove,	S. Ostrander,																	Defriestville.
Marshalville,	Vacant,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Jacob Sickles, D. D., S. Van Santvoord, Henry Heermans, Peter Van Zandt.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Argyle,	Vacant.	14								28								
Cohoes,	do	40	200	12							1							Cohoes.*
Eastern,	do	55	290	82			11		1	70					1	20		Easton.†
Fort Miller,	do	52	280	110														Fort Miller.‡
Jackson,	Wm. Pitcher,	41	250	50	3	1				54	5	2	30		1	80	60	Battenville.
Northumberland,	Vacant,	47	235							61						50		Northumberland.§ [Co
Saratoga,	E. H. May,	66	325	89	4	7	3		1	96	4	1		25		60		Schuylerville, Saratoga
Schaghticoke,	H. M. Boyd,	64	300	81														Junction Office, Rens'r
Tyoshoke,	J. H. Pitcher,	56	304	71	9	4	3		1	80	2	3						Buskirk'sBr.Wash.Co.
Union Village,	B. Van Zandt,	70	250	180	4	7	12	1	1	177	3	3		25	1	100	65	Union Village do.
Waterford,	Vacant,	80	440	71	3	7	14	1	1	65	12				1	60	50	Waterford.‖
Wynants-kill,	E. Slingerland, S. C.	45	225	40	4					44								Wynants-kill.

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CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Gilboa,	Vacant,	82	410	100	3	1	1	2	4	97					3	170	120	Gilboa.
New-Rhinebeck,	B. Bassler, S. C.	111	535	124	1	3		1	1	126	4	1			1	50	30	Lawyerville.
Middleburgh,	J. B. Steele,	80	450	160	1	2	1			162	3				1		60	Middleburgh.
1st Church, Berne,	R. D. Van Kleeck,	140	900	153		1	9		4	144	19		43		4	200	175	Berne, Albany co.
Beaverdam,	do	120	720	136	1		3	3	3	128	5				1	100	70	do
Schoharie,	J. M. Scribner,	155	859		14	6	10		6	214	15				3	120	100	Schoharie C. H.
Sharon,	Vacant,																	Gardnersville.
Cobleskill,	do																	Cobleskill.
Conesville,	do																	Conesville,
Breakabin,	do																	Breakabin.
Blenheim,	do																	Blenheim.
Schoharie Mountain,	do																	Punchkill.

Ministers without charge—Elihu Doty, Missionary to Java, James E. Quaw.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Florida,	J. Stevenson,	140	840	174	12	5	4		6	181		17	4	40	15	2			Minaville.
Stone Arabia,	B. B. Westfall,	160	1031				6			187		15							
Ephrata,																			
Currytown,																			
Mapletown,																			
Caughnawaga,	J. D. Fonda, S. C.			174	42	10			8	218		10	5			5	185		
St. Johnsville	A. H. Myers,	165	800	137	6	6			4	145		9	3	25	25	1			
Manheim,																			
Canajoharie,					6	5	4		2			2	2						
Fort-Plain,	J. P. Pepper,	80	350	50	16	10	2		1	73		7	4	24	74	1	153	100	
Glen,																			
Herkimer,	J. Murphy,	200	1200	310	2	4	5		10	301		19		30	60		100		
German Flatts,	do	80	400	100															
United Ch. Herkimer																			
Charlestown,																			
Columbia,																			
Warren,																			
Frankfort,	Vacant,	40		45		1	5		1	40									
Indian Castle,																			
Union Church,																			
Bowman's Creek,		50		87	14	4			2			2	2						

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Ashokan,	Vacant.																	Caseville.
Bloomingdale,	Sup. by A. Fort,			61														
Clove,	R. W. Knight,	148	838	106	1	2			3	106	6		16		4	200		High Falls.
Dashville-Falls,	Vacant.																	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,	A. Fort.	164	985	265	3	3	8		2	258	37	1			2	100		Esopus.
Flatbush and Plattekill,	P. A. Overbagh and J. Brodhead,																	Saugerties.
Guilford,	W. Brush,			50														New-Hurley.
Hurley,	W. Riley,	78	320		2	2	4		2	89	5	1	20	25	1	80	60	Hurley.
Kingston,	J. Lillie,	225	1222		13	7	10	3	12	396	28	3			5	300		Kingston.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.	200	1200	134	1	1	5		3	128	6	1			2			Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	D. Van Olinda,	225	1300	204	2	2			1	194	26							New-Paltz.
Rochester,	J. F. Mesick,	300	1897	252	1		8		4	241	20				4	144	116	Accord.
Saugerties,	H. Ostrander,			306														Saugerties.
Woodstock,																		Woodstock.

Ministers without charge—Rev. N. Bogardus, Hart E. Waring.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Arcadia,	Vacant.																	
Bellona,	do.																	
Canastota,	do.																	
Caroline,	J. H. Tarbell,																	
Cato,	A. Hoffman,	50	270	72	5	1			2	76	1							Cato.
Cicero,	Vacant.																	
Chittenango,	do.																	Chittenango.
Fairville,	do.	20	80		3	19	4		1	17	5							
Farmersville,	O. H. Gregory,	80	400		3	5	3		2	114	15							Farmersville.
Geneva,	G. Abeel,	80	400	114	12	13	12		2	125	12	2	60	30	2	100	100	Geneva.
Ithaca,	J. C. F. Hoes,	90	450	146		19			4	161	7							Ithaca.
Jamesville,	Vacant.	25	75	35		1				36					1	48	24	
Lodi,	A. Bennet,			265	12	4	2	1	4	294	26	2						
Lysander,	Vacant.																	
Sandbeach,	R. Kirkwood,	50	300	73	3	9	6	2	2	75	6			40	1			Auburn.
Lyons,	Vacant.																	
Utica,	H. Mandeville, S. C.	120	600	174	9	13	5		1	190	7	1			1	120	120	Utica.
Owasco,	J. Hamond,																	

Ministers without charge--C. Brower, J. F. Schermerhorn, Wm. Evans, S. Z. Goetches, P. Stryker, L. Rogers and G. Mandeville.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.	94	490	137	3	1	8		1	131		1	70		4	200	120	Walden.
Bloomingburgh,	S. Van Vechten,			174	1[illegible]	4	3		4	184	7	8						Bloomingburgh.
New Hurley,	F. H. Vanderveer,	200	1200	167	4		2		1	196	35							New-Hurley.
Montgomery,	Robert P. Lee.	290	1540	431	12	15	4	1	9	444	37	1	187	141	7	330		Montgomery.
Warwarsing,	J. H. Duryea,	170	900		2	8		1	2	72	13			60	2			Ellenville.
Shawangunk,	J. H. Bevier,	220	1300	147	10	1	2	1	1	154	25	[illegible]	130	100	6	259	200	Bruynswick.
New Prospect,	J. T. Demerest,	90		106	9	1	2	1	3					21				Ulsterville.
Fallsburgh,	Vacant.	40	200	21	1	1				22	4		18	18	1	25		Woodbourne.
Newburgh,	Vacant.																	Newburgh.
Deerpark,	C. C. Eltinge,																	Port Jarvis.
Minisink,	Vacant.																	
Wallpach,	J. B. Hyndshaw,				10	2	3	1		13[illegible]	5	3						Bushkill, Pa.
Wurtsborough,	Vacant.																	Wurtsborough.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. W. Ward, A. Eggleston, Wm. Youngblood, foreign missionary.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Catskill,	J. Romeyn, S. C.	137			2		11		2	173	15		63		2	206	105	Catskill,
Leeds and Kiskatom,	B. Hoff,	112	500		1									20	2	160	100	Leeds.
1st Coxsackie,	J. Searle,			301	70	1	14		12	347	20	10		30	4	140		Coxsackie.
2d Coxsackie,	W. Cahoone, Jr.	60	300	56	36	6	1			97	8	11		32				Coxsackie Landing.
Athens,	J. Wynkoop,	110	500	200	56	2	4	3	1	250	15	9			1	50		Athens.
Prattsville,	T. B. Gregory,	170	850	152	4	8	4	1		160	18				1	45	40	Prattsville.
Moresville,																		
New-Baltimore,																		

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report : That in the Minutes of the last General Synod they find on page 66 the following resolution, which was postponed for the consideration of this Synod. *Resolved*, That measures be taken to take the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church under the care of this Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, page 25, is the following resolution in reference to the persecution for righteousness' sake, which has been carried on in Holland, the land of our fathers, which resolution comes up from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, viz : *Resolved*, That it be recommended to General Synod to express the sentiments and feelings of our portion of the Reformed Dutch Church, by addressing a letter of respectful remonstrance to the Dutch Government, or one of sympathy to the persecuted, or both, or in any other way deemed more appropriate.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, the following question is referred for decision to this Synod, page 8 and 9, viz : What latitude should be given, with respect to the invitation to members of other churches, on communion occasions ?

Also, on page 10, a recommendation that the General Synod take into consideration the expediency of again appointing a General Agent, and an expression of the Particular Synod's approbation of such a course.

Also, on page 11, the following resolution in regard to a certain copy of the Heidelbergh Catechism, with the scriptural proofs, in full, which it is proposed to publish, viz : *Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the consideration of General Synod, with the expression of the opinion that it may be desirable to avail ourselves

of the gratuitous labors of Dr. Snyder in the accomplishment of this work.

Also, on page 28, notice of an appeal by Mr. Abraham Best, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. VAN KLEEK, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the persecution in Holland be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the latitude to be given with respect to invitation to members of other churches on communion occasions, be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the appointment of a General Agent, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

On the subject of a certain copy of the Heidelbergh Catechism with proofs, it was

Resolved, That this Synod do express their approbation of a manuscript copy of the Heidelbergh Catechism, with Scripture proofs, written out in full, prepared and presented by Dr. Andrew Snyder, with reference to publication.

Resolved, That this Synod cannot consistently engage to publish said Catechism, but do cordially approve of such publication by any person or persons, and would recommend said copy to the attention of all the churches.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Certain papers were presented, purporting to be a complaint by Rev. S. Ostrander, against the Classis of Rensselaer, which were referred to the Committee on Overtures. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

Report in part of the Committee on Overtures—

Your Committee, after mature consideration of the papers presented to Synod by the Rev. Mr. Ostrander, purporting to be a complaint against the Classis of Rensselaer and the Particular Synod of Albany, are of opinion they do not require the action of General Synod, and therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution—

Resolved, That said papers be returned to the complainant.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. VAN OLINDA, *Chairman.*

A communication, purporting to be a complaint, was presented from the Consistory of the Church at Blooming-grove against the Classis of Rensselaer, which being found not in order, it was

Resolved, That the Consistory have leave to withdraw the same.

A memorial was received from the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, relative to the decision of Synod, in the case of Cornelius A. Hopper and others, passed at the last session, (page 56), which was referred to the Committee on Overtures. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee, after due consideration of the memorial of the Church of Paramus, asking a reconsideration of the Acts of the last General Synod, confirming the acts of the Particular Synod of New-York, in 1836, in the case of the Messrs. Hoppers, are of opinion that said memorial should be received and acted upon by this Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. VAN OLINDA, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, Synod proceeded to consider the above case.

A written statement, prepared by the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, explaining their memorial, was read, when the following resolution was adopted *unanimously.*

Whereas, it appears from the memorial of the Consistory of the Church of Paramus, that they find difficulties which to them appear

insuperable in the way of carrying into effect the decision of this Synod in relation to what is usually termed the "Hopper case;" and whereas said Consistory of Paramus ask from this Synod some action, which shall relieve them from their present difficulties, therefore

Resolved, That the persons who have been received into the Second Church of Totowa, on a certificate from the Church of Paramus, are members in full communion of the Second Church of Totowa, and that any thing in any previous decision of this Synod, which militates against this, be, and hereby is repealed.

An appeal was presented to Synod by the Classis of Bergen, from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, by which the Church of Jersey City, with their pastor, were tranferred from them to the South Classis of New-York.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal in the following order:

1. The *appeal* and *reasons* of appeal were read.
2. The *documents* in the case were read.
3. The *appellants* were heard in support of their appeal, by the Rev. Ransford Wells, the Commissioner of Classis, for that purpose.
4. The Synod were heard by their Minutes.
5. The appellants were heard in reply.

Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, excluding from a vote such as had voted in the case in the Particular Synod and the Classis.

The following resolution was made and seconded—

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this motion, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The *ayes* and *nays* being called for were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

Eli Baldwin,	C. D. Westbrook,
Smith Bloomfield,	Abraham Messler,
William Ross,	William Mann,
Frederic F. Cornell,	John Wyckoff,

William I. Hedges,
Asahel Bronson,
John I. Peer,
Peter Vanderwort,
Ebenezer Wiggins,
James Van Blarcom,
R. Ormiston Currie,
R. A. Quin,
George W. Bethune,
James R. Talmadge,
James B. Hardenburgh,
George W. Morris,
Henry Duryea,
Cornelius Van Cleef,
Herman Vedder,
William S. Heyer,
Matthew Luyster,
Thomas E. Vermilye,
Edwin Holmes,
S. V. E. Westfall,
William C. Miller,
Barent Bleecker,
Douw Van Olinda,
C. L. Van Dyke,
Peter Eltinge,
George H. Fisher,
Edward P. Stimpson,
Peter Harder,
Hugh M. Boyd,
Elbert Slingerland,
J. P. Pepper,
Henry H. Doxstader,
David Diefendorf,
Richard D. Van Kleek,
John B. Steele,
John H. Ball,
A. B. Chittenden,
Thomas Romeyn,
James V. S. Reiley,
Henry Mandeville,
J. C. F. Hoes,
Gustavus Abeel,
James B. Hyndshaw,
John H. Duryea,
Brogun Hoff,
Jeremiah Searle,
Thomas B. Gregory,
William G. Van Vliet,
Henry Adams,
Zechariah Snyder.

NOES.

John Knox,
Peter Goetchius.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany.

The Rev. Gustavus Abeel and George H. Fisher presented their credentials as Commissioners from the Particular Synod of Albany, to defend their decision in the case.

Resolved, That the above-named commissioners be accredited.

The *ayes* and *nays* on this resolution being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

J. Knox,
E. Baldwin,
J. Schuyler,
W. Ross,
F. F. Cornell,
J. R. Baker,
W. B. Crosby,
A. Messler,
J. Wyckoff,
W. I. Hedges,
R. Wells,
A. Bronson,
J. I. Peer,
P. Vandervoort,
E. Wiggins,
R. O. Currie,
R. A. Quin,
J. A. Baldwin,
E. Hubbard,
G. W. Bethune,
J. R. Talmadge,
G. W. Morris,
H. Duryee,
C. Van Cleef,
S. V. E. Westfall,
B. Bleecker,
C. L. Van Dyke,
P. Eltinge,
Z. Snyder,
H. M. Boyd,
E. Slingerland,
J. P. Pepper,
H. H. Doxstader,
D. Diefendorf,
R. D. Van Kleek,
J. B. Steele,
J. H. Ball,
A. B. Chittenden,
T. Romeyn,
J. V. S. Riley,
J. C. F. Hoes,
J. B. Hyndshaw,
B. Hoff,
J. Searle,
T. B. Gregory,
W. G. Van Vliet,
H. Adams,
H. Vedder.

NAYS.

S. Bloomfield,
C. D. Westbrook,
P. Goetchius,
B. F. Welsh,
J. Van Blarcom,
J. B. Hardenburgh,
W. S. Heyer,
M. Luyster,
T. E. Vermilye,
E. Holmes,
E. P. Stimpson,
H. Mandeville,
J. Murphy,
P. Harder,
W. C. Miller.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order:

1. The *appeal* and the *reasons* of appeal were read.

2. The *documents* in the case were read.

3. The *appellant* was heard in support of his appeal by the Rev. James Murphy, who, at his request, was appointed to conduct his case before Synod.

4. *The Particular Synod* were heard in defence of their decision, by their Commissioners.

The appellant was heard in *reply*.

Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, excluding from a vote such as had voted in the case, either in Classis or Particular Synod.

The following resolution was then made and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany be sustained; nevertheless, that the case be referred to the Consistory of the Church of Amity, to judge of the facts of the accusation, confining their attention to the moral bearings of the case.

A division of the question being called for, the vote was taken on the first branch of the resolution, viz: "that the appeal from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany be sustained"—which was decided in the *negative*.

The second branch of the resolution was then on motion *indefinitely postponed*.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal of the Classis of Schenectady, from the proceedings of the Particular Synod of Albany, in the case of the Rev. Seth Bunnel.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order—

1. The *appeal* and *reasons* of appeal were read.

2. The *documents* in the case were read.

3. The appellants were heard in support of their appeal, by the Rev. Thomas Romeyn and A. B. Chittenden, who were accredited as Commissioners on the part of the Classis, to prosecute their appeal.

The case was then submitted, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide, excluding from a vote such as had voted in the case, either in the Classis or in the Particular Synod.

The following resolution was moved and seconded.

Resolved, That the appeal of the Classis of Schenectady, from the Particular Synod of Albany, be sustained, and that all further proceedings in the case of the Rev. Seth Bunnell be stayed.

The question being taken on this resolution, it was decided *unanimously in the affirmative.*

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

The two following resolutions were moved and seconded, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. T. M. Strong, William S. Heyer, John Knox, D. D., and Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elders, William B. Crosby, and Smith Bloomfield, to report to the next General Synod; who were also instructed to report a course of proceeding to be observed in all judicial business.

Whereas, it appears that a practice has long prevailed in this church, of the appointment of commissioners on the part of the inferior judicatories, to defend their decisions, when said decisions become the subjects of review to the higher judicatories; and whereas said practice, unless duly guarded, may be calculated to enlist the feelings of a section of the church against the prosecution of the rights of appellants, and so to prevent a full, fair and impartial review of the original matters of adjudication, therefore

Resolved, That while this Synod recognize the right of the inferior judicatories to exhibit to the higher the reasons and the reasonableness of the decisions that they have formed, either by individuals appointed for this purpose or otherwise, they at the same time would recommend, that under ordinary circumstances, the reasons that led to the decisions of said judicatories be left to be discovered from the written documents presented by them.

Resolved, That in those cases where inferior judicatories do appoint commissioners to defend their decisions, it be the duty of

said commissioners in the discharge of their official duties, if possible, to confine their remarks to showing that the principles of ecclesiastical order have been duly observed by the judicatories that they represent, and not to enter upon the merits of the original question.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the Consistories under the supervision of this Synod, to appoint a Committee annually, as near the 1st of June as possible, to be called the Committee of Synodical Minutes, whose duty it shall be, as soon after the authenticated copies of the Minutes have been received as possible, to examine the Minutes of Particular and General Synods, and report to their several Consistories the subjects that require their action.

Resolved, That the several Classes be directed to inquire into the action of the respective Consistories in the premises.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The following report was received from the Board of Education of the Synod, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church respectfully report to the General Synod—

During the past year three additional Scholarships have been endowed. A legacy of three thousand dollars, bequeathed by the late

Dr. John Clark, of this city, has been paid by his executors. The sons of the late Isaac L. Kip, Esq., have contributed and paid 1700 dollars for the endowment of a Scholarship, to be named, after their deceased father. James Bogert, Jr., Esq., of this city, has paid fifteen hundred dollars, which, in addition to two hundred dollars before paid by him, endows a Scholarship. The following are the Scholarships which have been endowed, and are productive: 1. *The Van Rensselaer.* 2. *Rutgers.* 3. *William Patterson Van Rensselaer.* 4. *Cornell.* 5. *Wyckoff.* 6. *Heyer.* 7. *Margaret Burgess.* 8. *John Clark.* 9. *Isaac L. Kip.* 10. *James Bogert, Jr.* Six hundred dollars were received, during the year past, from the executors of the estate of the Rev. Nicholas Lansing, of Tappan, deceased, the interest of which is directed by him in his will to be appropriated for the education of indigent pious youth for the ministry. The Stryker Scholarship is still in a course of accumulation.

Four of the beneficiaries reported last year, graduated from the Theological Seminary last summer. Two have relinquished their studies on account of ill health. One has engaged in teaching, in order to relieve himself from existing embarrassment; and one has been transferred to the Van Benschoten Fund. Twelve have been received during the year past, making the number of beneficiaries now on the list, forty-three. Three of these were received on the condition, that in the present state of the funds of the Board, the sum requisite for their support should be supplied from the Classes by whom they are recommended. We have not as yet learned whether these three have entered upon their preparatory course. The Synod, at its last session, authorized the Board to increase the limit of appropriation to one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, in such cases where the evidence of its necessity should be furnished. Such an increase of appropriation has been made in a number of cases. The amount of receipts into the treasury, during the year past, including a balance at its beginning, of $846.81, has been $4046.81; the amount of payments has been $3813.61, leaving a balance of $233.24 now in the treasury.

At the date of the last annual report, there was a considerable surplus in the treasury, arising from the fact that a large proportion

of the contributions, resulting from the labors of the classical agencies, come in about this period. It is owing to this surplus, and the proceeds of the Scholarships, in connexion with the revenue derived from the churches, that the Board has been enabled to meet the payment of appropriations, though with occasional fear of embarrassment. As this is the period of the year in which a large proportionate amount has been brought into the treasury, it is evident, that unless increased efforts be made, the Board may become seriously embarrassed in meeting present responsibilities. Appeals were made to the churches during the past winter, stating the wants of the treasury, urging the claims of the education cause, and intimating, that if no indications should be furnished of an encouraging response to the appeal, the Board would feel themselves bound, in present circumstances, to decline the reception of any additional beneficiaries, in the apprehension of being unable to meet the payment of the appropriations. In consequence, the Board with great reluctance postponed the consideration of deserving applications which have been laid before them. Hitherto they had acted on the principle of receiving every worthy applicant, reposing with confidence on the churches to sustain them in their engagements, and it was with great hesitation they paused to act upon this principle. They cherish the firm hope that soon an increased impulse will be given to this cause, and an enlarged supply of pious young men, and of adequate means for their support, be furnished. At a meeting of the Board held this day, it was resolved to proceed to consider, and act upon the applications now before them, in the indulgence of this confidence. It only requires increased attention on the part of ministers, and the friends of the cause, to commend and enforce its claims, in order to secure a greatly increased amount of patronage. On looking over the returns into our treasury, it will be seen how many of our wealthy churches contribute very little, who, if proper views and feelings pervaded them, would esteem it a privilege to support at least one beneficiary. We have, in one or two of our country churches (by no means in the first rank as to ability) associations formed, pledging the support of a beneficiary. If this example were to be extensively followed, and proper exertions were employed for the formation of such associations, a great enlargement of means and operations would result.

We were some time since apprehensive that the contributions received from the churches, during the year past, would be considerably less in amount than those received during the year preceding. But at the end of the year we are happy to find that they are about the same notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances of the times. In some portions of our church, the classical agencies have been in a good degree successful, while in other parts results indicate a want of efficiency. There is one danger which should be guarded against. In the anticipation of a visit from the agent, our ministers and consistories are too naturally led to feel as if the duty of enlisting the churches in favor of our benevolent institutions devolves upon these agents, while a passing visit from them in a collection at the time for the objects presented, but the spirit which should bear efficiently upon the cause is suffered to evaporate, and no systematic organization, promising permanence takes place. The co-operation of the ministers, in their respective charges, is necessary to prepare the way for the agent, and follow his labors with the desired success. The Board would respectfully suggest to the General Synod the propriety and importance of considering the subject, of the best means of advancing the interests of the boards of our church, either by giving greater efficiency to the present system, or by the appointment of a general agent well qualified and adapted to his province of labor, and possessing the united confidence of the church, as in their wisdom they may deem best. It is desirable that in either way the way should be prepared for the systematic, united, and more enlarged co-operation of all our churches in the advancement of the interests of the different boards. It is felt by all that more ought to be done, and will be done under right auspices. All that is needed is the employment of the proper means, and the kindling of a right spirit.

In the reception of beneficiaries, the following rule is prescribed as to the mode of application. Two ways are allowed. 1st. The applicant may present a recommendation from the pastor and Consistory of the Church of which he is a member, testifying as to his talents, piety, and indigence. If he is already pursuing a course of preparatory study, a certificate from his instructor is also expected. If the recommendation be from a Consistory, the applicant is re-

quested to be present and have a personal interview with the Board, previous to his reception. Or, 2d. He may present a recommendation from the Classis to which the Church of which he is a member belongs. This recommendation must be given by the Classis after an examination of the applicant, present at their session, and a careful investigation of his case. Such an official recommendation of the Classis is deemed sufficient, without the personal appearance of the applicant before the Board. The latter course is decidedly preferred by the Board, as they thus act upon the responsibility of one of our church courts, where the ministers, and elders assembled, are justly supposed to have all proper means for forming an accurate judgment, on full investigation.

It is highly important that in the early encouragement and introduction of young men in the preparation for the ministry, great care should be exercised. The feelings of kindness, and sympathy, should always be blended with sound discrimination and close scrutiny. It becomes more difficult after the reception of a beneficiary, to interpose, when doubts arise as to his promise of usefulness, unless the indications should prove most unequivocal, and strong. Very much depends upon the character of the beneficiaries as to the impression made in relation to the cause of education, within the sphere where they are observed. The present interests of this cause, the future usefulness of those who shall enter the ministry, and the welfare of religion in general, stand connected with great care and circumspection, in leading forward those who are to be trained for the gospel ministry. The apostolic admonition has here its application, "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

The General Synod has for several years reiterated their views on the importance of an increased supply of the gospel ministry, and strongly urged the claims of the cause of education upon our churches. The calls to duty, and the motives to exertion continue, and rather increase in strength. The Board of Domestic Missions feels from year to year the need of increased numbers, to supply our weak churches, and build upon waste places. Whatever may be the pressure upon their treasury, they feel that their greatest difficulty exists in finding proper men. Fields of much promise are now opening, calling for suitable and devoted laborers, nurtured

in our own church. At the same time, the cause of foreign missions, in which we have so happily enlisted, calls for the consecration of more of her sons to the service. Let then the greatest diligence and caution combined, be employed in seeking out, and calling forth our pious youth of rich promise, for the service. Let sufficient means be provided for those who in the providence of God are destitute. At the same time, why is it that so few of our pious young men, placed in circumstances of worldly competence and ease, choose and devote themselves to the honorable and blessed work of the ministry. To them let an earnest and affectionate appeal be made.

Last fall the Rev. George Dubois, on removing from this city, resigned his office as Corresponding Secretary, and his seat as a member of this board. The Rev. Christopher Hunt was chosen to supply his place as a member of this board. The term of service for which the following members of the board were chosen, now expires, viz: Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, Abraham Van Nest, Esq.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DE WITT,

Cor. Sec'ry

New-York, May 30, 1838

A report was received from the treasurer of the Board of Education, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education respectfully report:

They regard the subject entrusted to them, as of the highest importance in itself, and most intimately connected with the enlargement, stability, and prosperity of the Reformed Dutch Church. In the order of things, proper means and efforts for the education of the ministry should take precedence of the circulation of the Bible and the work of foreign and domestic missions.

Is not the *preaching* of the cross the power of God unto salvation? Does not the apostle say, how shall they hear without a

preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? And may we not ask, who will send them, who ought to send them, if they are not well qualified by mental culture and discipline, and by various learning, for the mighty responsibilities of their high and holy office.

What can a general do for the defence of his country, or the extension of its boundaries, without a well disciplined and well furnished soldiery.

Equally impotent and inefficient would all other instrumentalities be, if the proper education of the ministry should be neglected.

Your Committee think, that there is the most cheering evidence that this subject is rising in the estimation of our churches, and will soon receive that ample and uniform support which it so eminently deserves.

We have examined the report of the Board of Education, with lively emotions of gratitude to God for the past, and with brightening hopes of the future. Although the last year has been one of uncommon difficulty and embarrassment in all pecuniary matters, and the income of most of our benevolent societies less than preceding years, yet the resources of this board have been considerably increased. Three new Scholarships have been endowed, adding more than $6,000 to the permanent funds of the board, and $600 have been received as the beginning of another Scholarship; making ten fully founded, and one in process of gradual accumulation. This kind of liberality should be encouraged. It is opening new fountains to supply the necessities of the church; fountains sending forth perennial streams, which shall make glad the city of God, and bless generations yet unborn.

Last year, the Synod passed a resolution recommending this subject to the especial attention of ministers and elders. Your Committee would again insist upon its great importance, and offer the following résolution.

Resolved, That the General Synod have heard with pleasure and gratitude the number of Scholarships endowed the past year, and do again urge upon the consideration of those to whom God in his providence has given the means, the opportunities thus offered, of aiding most effectually, the cause of education, and erecting

enduring monuments of their attachment to the church, and liberality in the service of Christ.

The report of the board also adverts with high commendation to several of our churches which have formed associations, and pledged the support of one or more beneficiaries; we hope their example will be followed. There are few of our congregations which with proper union and co-operation, could not educate one young man, and some of them might do more. May the Lord of the harvest thus qualify and send forth laborers into the harvest. It appears from their report, that God has been better to the board than their fears; they anticipated an empty treasury, but like the cruise of oil and the measure of meal, their funds have not failed; the receipts of the last year exceed those of the preceding by $432, and a balance of between $200 and $300 was still on hand. But still the board feel that the necessities of the cause are constantly becoming more and more urgent; that the amount received has never been proportionate to the high claims of the subject, and that if their income was more ample, they might greatly increase the number of beneficiaries and the efficiency of their operations. They respectfully ask the Synod, if something cannot be done to increase their resources. They submit to the consideration of Synod, whether greater efficiency cannot be given to the present system of classical agencies. That it is at present unequal in its operations; embarrassed with difficulties in its practical details, and unsatisfactory in its results, is admitted in the reports of all our boards. Your Committee can devise no plan which can reach the emergencies of the case.

The classical agency is voluntary, allows of no compensation to the agent, and often interferes with other duties considered paramount by all our ministers; it therefore appears from the nature of the case, that it is not likely to answer the great end of its appointment; and the facts developed by the experiment, establish this inference; if not, why has each board of Synod expressed this opinion? Your Committee therefore believe that something ought to be done.

One plan is to invest the respective boards with sufficient authority to select and appoint occasional and temporary agents;

determine upon the amount of compensation; and also, the field of labor they shall occupy. Many objections to this plan have suggested themselves to the committee, and will be readily perceived by the Synod. The exercise of this authority may not be satisfactory to the church at large. It will be exceedingly difficult to find and enlist the proper men for a temporary agency; while every agent will be inexperienced and so far unqualified for efficient action before the term of his appointment has expired.

To avoid these difficulties which the boards have felt and do still feel they suggest the propriety of the General Synod selecting and appointing a suitable general agent under the direction of and accountable to the General Synod.

If this can be done with entire unanimity, and an individual be found who will be equally acceptable to all parts of the church, and secure the confidence of the entire ministry of the church, your committee believe it ought to be done.

This plan of a general agency has been amply discussed, and thoroughly examined by the Synod in former years; its advantages, the plan of operation, and its probable results, are well understood by this body; your committee, therefore, do not feel themselves called upon to enter upon these subjects; they will, however, express their opinion, that if the plan is not adopted with entire unanimity, it had better be abandoned; this they consider as essential to its success and beneficial influence upon the church.

We, therefore, offer for the consideration of the Synod, the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to support the Boards of Missions and Education, and carry out the growing spirit of enterprize in the church, some more efficient plan of raising funds ought to be adopted, or greater energy be given to the present system.

The board, in the report, speak of the necessity of great caution and care in the reception of beneficiaries, and give a detailed view of the plan they have adopted and acted upon. Your committee fully agree with the report, and believe their course will meet the cordial approbation of every member of this Synod, and of the church generally.

Great injury may be done to the interests of gratuitous education by the incompetence or misconduct of the beneficiaries; the board, therefore, should leave no avenue unguarded, and remit no scrutiny and diligence to prevent the introduction of those who may rather be an incumbrance than useful in the church.

After all, the board feel, and your committee respond to the sentiment, that the great desideratum bearing upon our future enlargement and prosperity, is to obtain sufficient numbers of young men to devote themselves to the ministry, and supply the increasing demands of our church.

New fields are opening in various parts of our own country, while foreign lands are crying loudly, "come and help us." The church manifests a growing interest in the cause of domestic and foreign missions—but whom shall we send, and who will go for us? Where are our young men, members of our churches—to whom God has given the means of educating themselves?

Are not their sympathies moved by the perishing condition of immortal souls? Will they not obey the command of the great Head and King of Zion—"go and preach my gospel to every creature?"

Will they not bring themselves, their "gold and silver," and consecrate both to the cause of Christ? Let the ministry give greater importance and prominence to their claims, and press the consciences of such young men on this subject; and your committee believe they will in many cases be successful. Greater efforts seem also to be called for, to bring out and put in train of preparation, young men of piety and talents, but of indigent circumstances, who may be found in our churches.

We believe that the churches will furnish the means to educate all such young men that can be found; and certainly this Synod will agree with the board, that if the ranks of the ministry in our church are to be filled up, and if new regions are to be explored and cultivated, we must have men. Upon the ministry already in the church devolves a large measure of the responsibility of furnishing them.

We would only say in conclusion, the Board of Education have reason to raise a memorial and inscribe upon it, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us:" to place implicit confidence in the disposition of

the church to sustain them, to persevere in their determination to receive every suitable and deserving applicant; and labor as they have done to give its proper prominence to the cause entrusted to their hands.

And the General Synod, in reviewing the results of the last year's operations, and looking forward to the future, have the strongest inducements to thank God and take courage.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected:—Rev. Samuel VanVranken, D.D., Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, and Abraham Van Nest.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed in making their appropriations to beneficiaries that may be recommended by the Classis of Cayuga, to antedate such appropriations to the time at which the application is made for aid from said board, provided notice of such application has been sent to the board by some settled minister of the Classis to which the beneficiary belongs.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Professorate, with instructions to report specially on the subjects it embraces, at the earliest convenience:

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College beg leave to submit to General Synod the following report:

From the report of the faculty of the college to this board, they learn that "the whole number of students now in the literary institution, is 71—viz: of the senior class, 16; of the junior, 21; of the sophomore, 16; of the freshmen, 18. Of these, two, on account of ill health, have been recently and pro tem. permitted to retire.

The institution has been favored during the past year with its usual good health ; and we notice with gratitude to God that not a single student has died at New-Brunswick since the renewed operation of the college—covering a space of nearly thirteen years.

The happy effects of the revival of religion in the preceding year, have, from that time to the present, been deeply felt in every department of the college. The Bible Society, the Society of Inquiry on Missions, and the Temperance Society, are still continued together, with associations, public and private, for prayer and for reading of the Holy Scriptures. These associations appear throughout to be conducted with spirit and unanimity.

Professor Beck resumed his labors in the chemical department, at the present term ; and the amount appropriated by the Board of Trustees has been economically expended in adding to our stock of apparatus and furnishing materials for experiments.

Under growing conviction of the importance of the Professorship of Natural History, and anxious that its instructions may be continued and extended, the faculty urge " a more efficient provision for its support."

Rev. Dr. Janeway has resigned his office of vice-president of the college, and the Professorship of Rhetoric, Belles-letters, the Evidences of Christianity, &c. About eighteen months since, Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, the Professor of Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary, agreed to relieve Dr. Janeway from a part of his duties as professor, by performing the services in the rhetorical department. In a communication, however, made to the president of the college, a few weeks back he declined rendering those services any longer. He afterwards agreed with the board, in consideration of the present state of the college, to continue his aid as a voluntary favor, and has informed the president of the college that until " the prospect improves," and at the commencement of the next session he will " allot three hours a week to the two upper classes." It thus appears, that a very serious vacancy exists in the course of instruction in the college, and that the Professorship of Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres is put on a very precarious footing. Agreeably to the terms of the compact between the General Synod and the trustees of Rutger's College, made in the year 1825, the Professor

of Biblical Literature, in the Theological Seminary, should be the Professor of Belles-lettres, Elements of Criticism and Logic, in Rutgers College. But the present professor in the Theological Seminary claims to have been exempted from the obligation to teach and act as a professor in the college, by the terms of his appointment to his office in the Theological Seminary by the General Synod of 1832. This alleged departure from the terms of the plan of union between the two institutions, on the part of General Synod, caused at the time great embarrassment to the Board of Trustees in carrying into effect the course of instruction adopted in the college. By the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Janeway to the Professorship of Rhetoric, &c., they were relieved from this difficulty; but now that Dr. Janeway has resigned, the former embarrassment returns in full force. The Board of Superintendents express no opinion, and make no complaint in relation to the act of Synod, by which it is alleged that the Professor of Biblical Literature was freed from the obligation to serve as Professor of Belles-lettres, Elements of Criticism and Logic, in the college. Nor do they make any complaint against the Professor of Biblical Literature because he asserts that Synod did free him from such obligation. They merely intend to inform Synod of the fact that the professorship in the college is now vacant, and that the Board of Trustees have not the power to fill it. They would moreover most respectfully remind General Synod, that if indeed the Professor of Biblical Literature was freed from the obligation to serve in the college as Professor of Belles-lettres, it was contrary to the articles of union between the trustees of Queen's College and the General Synod; and renders it very difficult if not impracticable for the Board of Trustees to carry into effect the full course of instruction prescribed for the college.

Of the high importance and value of the college to the church there cannot be a reasonable doubt. It is the chief source from which the Theological Seminary derives its students, and consequently our churches their pastors. From the year 1830 to 1837, inclusive, the college has brought forward thirty-six graduates to the ministry, or two-thirds of the whole number of the students who in that period of time have passed through the seminary. Of the

present senior class in the college, eight have turned their attention to the gospel ministry, and of the junior class ten. The whole present junior class of the Theological Seminary, consisting of fifteen students, are graduates of Rutgers College.

It is with regret that the Board of Superintendents notice, in the communication which has been made to them by the faculty, the expression of their belief, that "untiring pains are taken in various ways to withdraw the youth of our own churches from their own to foreign institutions." The board doubt not but that the faculty have good reasons for expressing this as their belief. It is evident, however, that for the Dutch Church to preserve its distinctive character as a church, it is of the utmost importance that the youth of our churches should be educated in our own institutions. If they are trained in the institutions of other Christian sects, the inevitable consequence will be, that any peculiar or strong attachment to their own church will be lost; the sectarian feeling and prejudices of other denominations will be imbibed; they will become attached to their peculiar habits and customs, and should they be settled as pastors in our churches, the feelings and prejudices which they have elsewhere acquired, will probably exert an unhappy influence over them. Under the influence of a truly sectarian spirit, acquired in another religious sect, they will imagine that it shows liberality of spirit, and enlargedness of sentiment, to make light of the peculiar customs and institutions of their own church, and to adopt and introduce into it those of others; and it is not improbable that they may learn to reject or undervalue the doctrines of our church, and by introducing the mistaken views and erroneous opinions which they have received abroad, cause discord and trouble. For the preservation of the peace, purity, honor, and prosperity of our church, it is of the highest importance that our ministers should be mutually acquainted, and cherish mutual confidence; that they should agree in maintaining the doctrines of the church, and preserving its customs and ecclesiastical forms of government; and nothing will more effectually secure this state of things than educating our own youth in our own institutions. The surest way to destroy the distinctive character of our church; to abolish all that is peculiar to it; to subvert it from its foundation, and to amalga-

mate it with, and merge it in some other Christian sect or sects, is to withdraw our youth from our own to foreign institutions.

That the advantages enjoyed elsewhere are so superior to those offered in our own institutions as to warrant a withdrawal from them, is not to be believed. Other and older establishments may have more costly and extensive buildings, and larger apparatus and libraries; but as to the course of study, and the ability of our faculty, we need not dread a comparison with any. It is his own fault if a youth in our institutions does not obtain an education of the highest order.

The Board of Superintendents crave the indulgence of General Synod for the freedom and length of these remarks. The Theological Seminary is greatly dependent on the College for a supply of students, and "there is reason to apprehend that it may die if not supported by its literary institution." The embarrassment under which the college now labors in one of its professorships, is caused by the departure of General Synod from an observance of the terms of the articles of union of the two institutions agreed to in 1825. It is believed that the Synod may render effectual aid to the college by relieving the trustees from their present difficulties; but in what way this aid shall be given, whether by recommending to our churches to attempt the immediate endowment of the professorship now vacant, by the withdrawal of the Synod's Professor of Biblical Literature, or in some other way, we respectfully leave to the determination of General Synod.

In conclusion, we cordially adopt the language of the faculty in the report which they have presented to us, and offer our prayer that God may so impress the minds of the friends of the college with a sense of its use in promoting science, truth, good morals, and the interests of the church with which it is immediately connected, as to secure in its behalf their undivided, prompt, and powerful support."

CHARLES SMITH,
CORN'S L. HARDENBERGH,
SAMUEL B. HOW,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,
JOHN KNOX,
JAS. B. HARDENBERGH.

New-Brunswick, June 2, 1838.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on the professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The following young men have been aided from the interest arising from the Van Benschoten and Knox funds, from the 1st April, 1837, to 1st April, 1838, viz:

Van Benschoten Fund.

C. Spalding,	$90
F. T. Drake,	90
G. E. Hand,	90
A. Elmendorf,	120
W. E. Turner,	90
A. C. Milspaugh,	90
E. Whitaker,	90
G. W. P. Myer,	90
J. T. Demarest,	30
J. Watson,	33
	$813

Knox Fund.

R. Willis,	$120
A. B. Winfield,	30
	$150

Van Benschoten fund, 1st April, 1838, was	$19,680 00
Balance in hands of the treasurer,	742 60
Interest due 1st May, 1838,	1,489 80
Of the above balance, $300, was principle, and has since been loaned out, which will make the principal of the fund,	19,980 00
Knox fund, 1st April, 1838, was	$2,000 00

Balance in hands of the treasurer, . .	17 86
Interest due 1st May, 1838, . . .	120 00

The young men now on the funds, (eleven in number,) will all remain during the present year.

P. SPADER, *Treasurer.*

New-Brunswick, 1st June, 1838.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the trustees of Rutgers College, to receive to the benefit of the Van Benschoten fund, if any vacancy shall exist during the year, any beneficiaries that may be commended to them by the Board of Education.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee have given to the several documents referred to them a careful attention, and respectfully report to Synod, the following results.

Theological Seminary. The report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, is an exceedingly satisfactory document in all other respects than in *the number* of students presented as in course of preparation for the ministry. In the number however there is no actual falling off, but on the contrary there is an increase since last year; but the wants of the church, to supply her vacancies at home, and meet the missionary claims, domestic and foreign, are found to increase in much greater ratio. Our Theological Seminary is entitled to the affectionate confidence of every lover and friend of the church, and has claims upon the prayers and fostering regards of all. The superintendents request that the time of their annual meeting be changed to the second Wednesday of July. Your Committee recommend that this change be made.

Rutgers College. From the report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, it appears that the institution continues to enjoy an encouraging degree of prosperity. About the usual number of students are in attendance. Good order prevails; and the evidence of the presence of the spirit of grace is still found. The report however is not all of so cheering a character. It represents that in consequence of the terms of the appointment of Professor M'Clelland to his office in the Theological Seminary, in 1832, the college was deprived of the services rendered by his predecessor, in the departments of Rhetoric, Belles-lettres, and Logic. The embarrassment experienced in consequence, was for the time, relieved by securing the services of the Rev. Dr. Janeway, in these branches. Professor M'Clelland also has given aid for some time past, in the literary department, and recently has signified his willingness to continue his aid in the rhetorical department, under the present exigencies of the institution. Professor Janeway has resigned his connexion with the college, and thus an important vacancy exists which the report declares the trustees have not power to fill.

The importance of the college to the Theological Seminary, and to the church, is amply proved by our past experience, and is too obvious to need remark. The trustees, the Synod, and the whole church, have a deep concern in sustaining and carrying it forward, and in doing so, there ought to be united, vigorous, and constant efforts. The favor of heaven has been upon it, and its success and advantages have hitherto fulfilled every reasonable anticipation. Let not exertions on its behalf be slackened until it shall have attained an elevation, in which the lovers of science, and the friends of religion, shall rejoice. Your committee believe that under existing emergencies, and from stipulated engagements, the college has a just claim upon the sympathies, and special co-operation of the Synod; and, they recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod cordially recommend Rutgers College to the patronage of all with whom they have influence, and particularly, that they recommend to all the churches under their

care, to take up a collection on or about the first Sabbath of December next, and to transmit the avails to Peter Spader, Esq., the treasurer of the college, to aid the trustees in filling up the professorships, and securing all the instruction necessary to the good of the institution.

2. *Resolved*, That whenever the Synod shall have a general agent whose labors are designed to promote the institutions of the church, such agent is instructed to afford all the facilities and help in his power in aid of any efforts which may be made by the trustees for the increase of their permanent funds.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee consisting of the Rev. B. C. Taylor, G. W. Bethune, and J. I. Schultz, and the Elders, W. Mann, and W. B. Crosby, be appointed, who shall, in connexion with a committee of the trustees, confer with Professor Janeway, with a view to securing upon terms mutually satisfactory the continuance of his services in our institutions in New-Brunswick.

Board of Corporation. The various documents from this board, are clear and satisfactory, and the trusts confided to them are executed with fidelity and skill. They have in compliance with the instructions of the last General Synod, reported fully, on the subject of the Widows' Fund, and they ask of the Synod to sanction their report. Your committee recommend that such sanction be given; that the clergymen of the church generally be invited to become subscribers to the fund; that the churches be earnestly enjoined to attend in a spirit of liberality to the annual collection, on or about the first Sabbath in October, and that the committees appointed to solicit subscriptions, donations, and legacies, for this fund, be continued or renewed.

Education Fund. The treasurer's statement shows a large increase in the permanent fund for education. Ten scholarships are endowed; and the sum of $19,700 invested by the Board of Corporation, the interest of which is paid to the treasurer of the Board of Education in half-yearly payments.

Van Benschoten and Miss Knox Funds. Peter Spader, Esq., reports the names of ten beneficiaries to whom he has paid, from

1st April, 1837, to 1st April, 1838, from the proceeds of the former, $813; and the names of two beneficiaries, to whom has been paid from the latter the sum of $150. The amount of principal constituting these funds, is $21,980.

In the review of all the subjects which have come before them, your committee are of opinion that Synod has cause of gratitude for the growth, and increasing strength, and efficiency of its institutions, and full encouragement, in humble reliance upon the divine blessing, in pursuing a steady course of policy, cherishing the the spirit of affectionate unity and zealous co-operation, to anticipate the amplest prosperity.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee to consider and report whether it is adviseable to make any change in the number of members composing the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

The Rev. John Knox, D. D., Herman Vedder, and the Elder William B. Crosby, were appointed said committee.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom it was referred to report upon the expediency of changing the mode of organizing the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, respectfully report—

That said board, as now constituted, consists of two ministers nominated by each Classis, and appointed by the Synod. That since this arrangement was made, in 1824, the number of Classes has increased to eighteen; so that the Board of Superintendents, when entirely full, consists of thirty-six members, and cannot, under existing arrangements, convene, but at a very considerable expense upon the treasury of Synod; and your committee believe, that a board, amply competent to all its duties, and sufficiently distributed throughout the churches, and at a diminished expense, can be constituted by the nomination of *one* minister on the part of each

classis, to be appointed by the Synod. Your committee however are of opinion, that an entire change of the members of the board at the same time is not expedient. They therefore recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary shall, after the present Synodical year, consist of *one* minister, taken from each Classis, in the form prescribed by Synod in 1834.

2. *Resolved*, That upon the election and organization of the Board of Superintendents, the next year, in the form above recommended, they be required to arrange themselves into three classes; the members composing the first of which classes to serve for one year, the second for two years, and the third for three years; the board afterward to be perpetuated by the annual choice of members to fill the vacancies as from year to year they shall occur.

3. *Resolved*, That *six* members of the board, regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents.

The following persons, who had been nominated by the respective Classes were appointed:

Rev. George H. Fisher, for the Classis of Rensselaer, in the place of the Rev. Christopher Hunt, removed to the Classis of New-York.

Rev. John A. Liddle, for the Classis of Paramus, in the place of the Rev. John C. Vandervoort, removed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

ARTICLE XVI.

Students in Theology.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted his annual report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The annual missionary sermon was preached before General Synod on the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of the Synod, in the Second Reformed Dutch Church, by the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, from Isaiah lxii. 1.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report—

That, from the documents submitted to them, they have reason to believe that there is a very encouraging increase of missionary zeal throughout the church. The Board of Domestic Missions

certainly show much reason for gratitude. Their receipts during the past year are, it is true, owing to the pressure of the times, several hundred dollars less, yet they have been able, by a judicious application of their funds, to assist in maintaining the ordinances of religion in eight churches more than during the past year.

Appropriations have been made to the following churches: *Princeton, Newark, Third Church of Albany, Chittenango, Canajoharie, Ashokin, Caroline, Lysander, Clove, Tyashoke, Oyster-Bay, Jackson, Fairfield, Newburgh, Mount-Pleasant, Hudson, Bloomingdale, Clover-Hill, Second Church of Berne, Roxborough, Cicero, Cahoes, Salem, Jamesville, Canastota, Dashville, Cato, Sandbeach.*

In this distribution of funds, your board have evidently exercised great judgment, a proof of which is given in the fact that *pastoral* aid has been secured to all except two of the churches, who have been dependent upon less satisfactory supplies. The responsibilities assumed by the board amount to about $4000, while the receipts have amounted to $4589.16. At present the treasurer reports a balance in his hands, but this occurs only because appropriations amounting to more than that balance, and now due, have not been claimed.

God has been pleased to seal by the blessing of his Holy Spirit these efforts for the advancement of his kingdom. While generally a most pleasing attendance is found upon the ordinances of the Lord's house, Sabbath schools, Bible and catechetical classes, a most gracious revival of religion has been granted to several of them.

The Second Church of Berne, where the Rev. Mr. Waring, detained from his foreign destination, has been laboring for the last six months, and the churches of Manayunk and Roxborough, under the care of the Rev. Mr. Bumstead, have abounded with causes of thanksgiving unto God. The board say with great force, that "in estimating the results of the past year, it should be remembered, that while special visitations of mercy have been enjoyed by a few churches, the great proportion is indebted to the aid they received for the enjoyment of the gospel; while their means are small, the appropriations made enable them to sustain the ministry among them, and thus secure the sowing of the good seed, and the exertion

of a silent, constant, and incalculably beneficial influence, in moulding the character and training the heart."

The comparatively large appropriations to the churches of Newark, Newburgh, Hudson, Second Church of Brooklyn, and the Third Church of Albany, are clearly justified by the circumstances of those churches. It is pleasant to learn that there is every encouragement to believe that the church of Newark, the church at Hudson, and the Third Church of Albany, will soon be independent of any aid from the board, and able in their turn to contribute to its funds. The Second Church at Brooklyn is at present destitute of a pastor, but it is hoped, that upon the settlement of one, they will prosecute their good enterprize.

The Church of Newburgh has been doubly tried. The times have had a paralizing effect upon the people who have so many claims upon them for the erection of their house of worship, and in the midst of their difficulties, their late pastor (the Rev. Mr. Cruickshank) was under the necessity of relinquishing his labors among them from ill health. Their success is of great importance, as the location will make it the centre of a very happy influence. The enterprize therefore should be commended to the prayers, sympathies, and liberality of all who desire to see the cause of religion in our church advanced.

The churches of Williamsburg, Jersey City, Bergen-neck, Tyashoke, and Fort-Plain, are worthy of praise for their liberal exertions in rendering themselves independent of aid from the board.

The board, in their report, show that they sympathize with the Synod and the church in a desire to extend the cause of religion in the Western sections, and make several sensible suggestions upon the subject, one of which is, that for the success of the plan it is desirable that several ministers, with their families, should go together. Some favorable indications of such a movement of this character have been made, and the board assure us of its readiness to avail themselves of every opportunity to meet our wishes in this respect. The committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions are requested carefully and zealously to persevere in endeavoring to plant

churches of our denomination in the Western sections of our country.

The Board of Foreign Missions have presented a most cheering document, so far as it relates to the missionary spirit in our churches. The treasurer's report shows an increase of $3,707.48 in the contributions for the past year over that of the year before. Early during the last spring, it is known, the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions determined to send out the Rev. Frederick B. Thompson and wife, (who have been for some time waiting leave from Providence to depart) and the Rev. William I. Pohlman and wife, so soon after the middle of May as an eligible passage could be procured. Circumstances, in providence, have rendered it necessary for the Rev. Mr. Waring and wife to remain. The instructions to the missionaries, by the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. were delivered by one of the secretaries on the evening of Sabbath the 20th of May, when also a charge was delivered in behalf of our board by the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., and a farewell address by the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

A farewell meeting was also held in New-York, and on the 25th of May, these missionaries embarked, in the ship Albion, Captain Putnam, (whose owners, Messrs. Olyphant, Talbot & Co., showed much liberal kindness) and are now, we trust, safely proceeding on their voyage, to a happy termination of which may God bring them.

Your committee regret to learn that the missionaries at present in the East-Indies have met with much difficulty, from the European governors, in their attempts to make a permanent settlement among the heathen. The present indications of Providence seem to point to the Island of Borneo as a field of labor, where the missionaries have been instructed to obtain, if possible, leave to reside and prosecute their labors. "Thus," say the board in their report, "have our missionary brethren been called to an early trial of their faith and patience, which we trust will prove a blessed discipline in preparation for the work to which they are devoted; and it may, at no distant time, be shown by the results of missionary efforts, that wisdom and mercy directed those events which at first seemed dark and adverse. At this interesting crisis the mission is specially com-

mended to the prayers of the churches, that the King of Zion would direct their paths, set before them an open door to the heathen, and largely endow them with all means for the wise and faithful discharge of the trust committed to them. The communications which have been received from our brethren, tend to inspire confidence in the spirit they cherish and the course they pursue, and hopes as to their future usefulness in the service on which they have entered. The friendly relation with the A. B. C. F. M. and correspondence with the Netherlands Missionary Society, are continued in a very satisfactory manner."

It is, as your committee learn from several papers submitted to them, thought desirable that some more efficient means than those now used should be employed for the collection of funds for our various benevolent institutions.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany is a suggestion, that "the appointment of a general agent is desirable, who, by going from church to church, may carry with him the feelings of the brethren, in the different sections of the church, and thus unite the whole more closely together in the ties of a common brotherhood."

The subject is one of great importance, and it appears to your committee that the several boards and committees who have these benevolent interests under their care should be authorized to take such steps as may seem to them most proper.

Your committee deem it their duty to call the attention of Synod to the fact, that aid is frequently solicited for other missionary societies than those authorized by the Synod, to the serious injury of the influence of the church; they therefore propose that it be

Resolved, That the respective churches of our denomination be earnestly requested to transmit their funds in aid of missionary operations, to the treasuries of those Boards of Missions appointed by General Synod.

The committee have nothing further to suggest, but cannot deny themselves the pleasure of congratulating the church upon the rapid increase of missionary zeal among us, and they earnestly pray that

our church may go forward, until we show such industry and liberality as our position and circumstances demand of us.

GEO. W. BETHUNE,
Chair'n Com. on Missions.

Resolved, That the collection of funds for the Domestic and Foreign Missions, and Education Boards, either by classical agents appointed for that purpose, or by each member of Classis in his own sphere, be commended to the special attention of the several Classes, and that it be earnestly requested of all our ministers and consistories faithfully to attend to this object.

Resolved, That in cases in which classical agents or individuals in their own churches, cannot operate efficiently, the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions and Education, be, and hereby are authorized to employ special agents for the collection of funds.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to report to the Synod at its next meeting, the fixed rules of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to guide them in their appropriations, made for the support of missionaries from our church, engaged in their service, both at home and abroad.

Some items in the annual report of the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, for 1837, not being entirely understood by some of the members of Synod,

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to lay before the next General Synod, such explanation in the premises, as may be in their power.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, whose term of service has expired. On counting the votes, it appeared that the following persons were elected:

Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., Christopher Hunt, and Messrs. Abraham Varick and Isaac Schuyler.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Missions of the Ge-

neral Synod, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected.

Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, and Messrs. Cornelius Hyer, Abraham Van Nest, Valentine Vandewater, John D. Keese, Reuben Van Pelt, James Van Antwerp, and Jacob Brouwer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the annual missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, was chosen *primarius*, and the Rev. George H. Fisher, *secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

(See Articles IV. and XIV.)

The following report was received from the Committee to solicit donations for the Widows' Fund, in the city of New-York.

The committee appointed by the last General Synod to solicit donations for the Widows' Fund in the city of New-York, respectfully report.

The committee met early last winter, to consult in reference to fulfilling the duties of their appointment. It was deemed advisable after consultation, to postpone their solicitations until spring, when it was hoped the times would be more propitious. In March, a quantity of circulars containing the plan of the Widows' Fund, and a short appeal in relation to it, were printed, with the view of directing them to individuals upon whom it was intended to call. The committee again met, and on full consultation, it was still considered expedient to defer the discharge of their duties, as the times in the commercial community still did not promise much success. It was judged better to defer with the prospect of success, than to have

made a present effort, in a great measure, unsuccessful. The Committee trust the Synod will accredit the motives which have governed them.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 1, 1838.

Resolved, That the above committee be continued.

Resolved, That the following committees be continued to solicit subscriptions, donations, and legacies, for the Widows' Fund.

1. *In New-York.*—Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Dr. Ferris, Dr. Brodhead, Abraham Van Nest, James Suydam, Joseph V. Varick, James Bogert, Wm. B. Crosby, and B. L. Kip.

2. *In Albany.*—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, Richard V. De Witt, Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, William P. Van Rensselaer, John Sanders, Charles A. Keeler, Wm. C. Miller, J. R. Bleecker.

3. *In Philadelphia.*—Rev. Dr. Ludlow, J. B. Hardenburgh, W. Mentz, and Frederick Erringer.

4. *In New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Dr. Janeway, Rev. Dr. Howe, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh.

5. *In Utica.*—Rev. Mr. Mandeville, Mr. J. H. Rathbone, Mr. C. C. Brodhead.

Resolved, That each Classis be directed to appoint committees of such numbers as they shall judge proper, to solicit subscriptions, donations and legacies, for the benefit of the fund.

Resolved, That the committees be requested to attend to their duties, and make returns to the Board of Corporation, as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation be directed annually to issue through the Christian Intelligencer, a circular on the subject of the Widows' Fund, in sufficient season to enable it to be read to all the congregations previously to the collection in October.

Resolved, That they be authorized at any time, to issue such publications on the subject as they deem advisable.

Synod desirous that *all* their ministers may, if practicable, become interested in the Widows' Fund, do

Resolve, That in cases in which ministers may find it inconvenient themselves to become subscribers to this fund, it be recommended to *consistories* to secure for their pastors an interest therein, by subscribing on their behalf.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to nominate members of the respective Boards of Missions, of the Board of Corporation, and of the Board of Education, and other nominations usually submitted to such a committee; and that hereafter another standing committee be appointed, to be called the Committee of Nominations.

The Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., George W. Bethune, and John H. Pitcher, and the Elders, William C. Miller, and John R. Baker, were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Edwin Holmes, and Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., and the Elders, William C. Miller, and George W. Morris, be appointed a committee to make arrangements to hold a meeting on the evening of the sixth day of the session, for devotional exercises, with special reference to the benevolent operations of the church.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the meeting was held accordingly.

Mr. Charles Van Wyck, having submitted to General Synod a statement that the nett profits of the Christian Intelligencer are devoted to the benevolent funds of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that it would on that account be very desirable to increase its circulation, therefore

Resolved unanimously, That the Christian Intelligencer, as at present conducted, is in the opinion of Synod, an important aux-

iliary in promoting the great interests of the church, and a valuable religious family paper, and well deserving a place in every family belonging to the Reformed Dutch Church.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that in accordance with the direction of the last General Synod, he has made out and transmitted to the several Classes their respective accounts with the Synod, for copies of the Minutes furnished to them. The accounts included the Minutes of the last session of the Synod. It was found that the whole amount due, was no less than $828 19. It is however gratifying to state, that several of the Classes have with commendable promptness, during the year, liquidated the arrears due from them. Others have paid considerable on account, and it is presumed that all have taken order on the subject. It is therefore hoped that in the course of the current year at farthest, the whole debt will be cancelled. From the Stated Clerk of the Classis of Bergen, a communication has been received, containing a request on behalf of the Classis, that the sum of $41.50, the amount of arrearages due from them, June 1st, 1831, be remitted, on the ground of the difficulty, if not actual impossibility of collecting it, in consequence of the effect produced upon their churches by the secession which occurred prior to that date, and during which troubles the amount of arrears referred to accrued.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

Resolved, That the above report be adopted, and that the amount due from the Classis of Bergen be remitted, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to prosecute the collection of the arrears due from the several Classes.

A report was received from the Committee appointed by the last General Synod, on the subject of the Psalm and Hymn Book, (p. 92,) which was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., and Herman Vedder, and the Elder William B. Crosby.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Report concerning the Printing of the Psalms and Hymns, &c. present the following report:

It appears manifest to your committee, that there has been for some time, and that there still exists a general dissatisfaction in relation to the present form and prices of our Psalm and Hymn Books; so much so, that several congregations have not been willing to supply themselves, in the expectation of our having that book in a new form, and at a cheaper rate.

Your committee, therefore, cannot approve of the proposition of purchasing the stereotype plates of William A. Mercein, Esq., as they will not be wanted for any other purpose than that of breaking them up; but they recommend the referring the whole matter of extinguishing Mr. Mercein's copy right, and of printing and publishing the Book of Psalms and Hymns, &c., either by themselves, or through some bookseller, as they may deem proper, to the Board of Corporation of the General Synod; and of investing them with full power of executing this trust, in conformity with their knowledge of the views and interests of the General Synod, and of the church in general.

The committee, therefore, recommend to the General Synod, that the report of the committee which they have had under consideration be not printed in the Minutes of the General Synod, but it be referred, together with all the documents now in the possession of the present committee, to the Board of Corporation, in the expectation of their speedy and prompt action on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by order,

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

A number of copies of the Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and of

the Thirteenth Annual Report of the American Tract Society, were received, and distributed among the members of Synod.

A communication was received from the chairman of the Executive Committee of the New-York State Temperance Society, accompanied with a number of copies of the Temperance Almanac, for the present year, and of the Temperance Recorder, for the months of March and June, which were distributed among the members.

Mr. Porteus, agent of the American Sunday School Union, at his request, addressed the Synod in reference to a plan to supply a library of moral and religious books, for public and private schools, factories, families, &c., projected by the said Union, and laid upon the table of Synod several copies of the printed sketch of said plan.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The committee on accounts reported, and their report was accepted.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to $13 37½, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish eight hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes of this session of Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz: Rev. Elbert Slingerland and the elders Elias Hubbard and Elijah Alliger.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the citizens of Albany for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates during the session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Consistory of the North Church for the accommodation of the Synod during their session, and to the Consistory of the Middle Church for the use of their house of worship on the evenings when the Synodical and Missionary Sermons were preached.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday in June, 1839, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and was closed with singing the 21st Hymn, 3d part, and prayer by the President.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *President.*
THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Adsessor.*
R. ORMISTON CURRIE, } *Clerks.*
J. R. TALMADGE, }

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

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AT

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine. The session continued from the fifth to the thirteenth day of June, inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Acts ix. 31. "*Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea, and Gallilee, and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D.,* Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., and Richard L. Schoonmaker.*

* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.

Elders, Abraham Van Nest, William I. Roome,* Corns. Hyer.†

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. John E. Miller,‡ Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D.§
Elders, John D. Keese, Joseph W. Duryee.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Jacob C. Sears, John L. Zabriskie,‖ and Charles P. Wack.
Elders, Abraham A. Beekman, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh, and Peter D. Vroom.‡

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Garretson, Ira C. Boice, and Benjamin C. Taylor.
Elder, Henry Traphagen.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins, John H. Duryea, Peter I. Quick.
Elder, James Van Blarcom.†

6. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. William R. Gordon, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and Thomas M. Strong.
Elders, Theodorus Snediker, Adrian Vanderveer,† and Singleton Mitchell.§

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh, George W. Bethune, D.D., and Abraham O. Halsey.
Elders, James Peters, Simon Van Arsdale.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the session.
† Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.
‡ Took their seats on the *third* day of the session.
§ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.
‖ Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Jacob W. Hangen.
Elder, Jacob C. Elmendorf.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Samuel Kissam, Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D.
Elders, Willliam N. Sill, Philip Phelps,* Stephen Van Rensselaer.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. John F. Mesick, John Lillie, and Abraham Fort.
Elders, Elijah Alliger,† Sevryn Bruyn,‡ and Benjamin A. Newkirk.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. John P. Knox, Andrew N. Kittle, and John Gray.
Elders, Isaac Hutton, Ryer Heermance, John I. Kittle.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, Cornelius Wyckoff, Wm. Pitcher.‡
Elders, Teunis Swart, Joseph Southworth.§

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, Benjamin B. Westfall, Jacob D. Fonda.
Elder, Peter Putman.‡

* Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the session.
† Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of the session.
‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.
§ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. John M. Scribner.
Elders, * * *

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Abraham I. Swits, A. B. Chittenden.
Elders, James V. S. Riley, John Saunders.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John Beattie, Benjamin Bassler.*
Elder, Samuel Allen.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, John T. Demarest.†
Elder, William Houston.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. William Cahoone and Brogun Hoff.
Elders, James Van Deursen, William D. Kirtland.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., was chosen President.
The Rev. Brogun Hoff was chosen Adsessor.
The Rev. John P. Knox and James B. Ten Eyck, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Synod were read.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *eighth* day of the session.
† Obtained leave of absence after the *first* day of the session.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. Jacob C. Sears, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D. and Peter Labagh, and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest, and Joseph W. Duryee.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Andrew N. Kittle, Ebenezer Wiggins, and Benjamin Van Zandt, and the Elders, John Saunders and Henry Traphagen.

On Missions.—Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Abraham I. Swits, and Jacob D. Fonda, and the Elders, Cornelius Hyer and Adrian Vanderveer.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. John Garretson, Benjamin B. Westfall, and James Murphy, and the Elders, Joseph W. Duryee, and James V. S. Riley.

On Overtures.—Rev. Brogun Hoff, John M. Scribner, and Abraham Fort, and the Elders, Sevryn Bruyn, and William D. Kirtland.

On Accounts.—Rev. Samuel Kissam, John H. Duryea, and Charles P. Wack, and the Elders, William I. Roome, and Theodorus Snediker.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, Ira C. Boice, and Richard L. Schoonmaker, and the Elders, Philip Phelps, and James Peters.

On Education.—Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., John L. Zabriskie, and Jacob W. Hangen, and the Elders, John D. Keese and William N. Sill.

On Nominations.—Rev. William Cahoone, Thomas M. Strong, and John P. Knox, and the Elders, Samuel Allen and John D. Keese.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

A report was received from the committee appointed to confer in connexion with a committee of the trustees of Rutgers College, with Professor Janeway, with a view to securing the continuance of his services in our institutions in New-Brunswick, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. J. Saunderson, on the subject of sacred music, which was laid on the table.

The following report was received from the committee to procure donations for the library of the Theological College.

The undersigned, on behalf of the committee appointed by Synod to promote the increase of their library, reports, that there have been received, in addition to those formerly reported, publicly acknowledged, and placed in the library, one hundred and sixty-eight volumes of books, some of which are rare, valuable and costly. Of these, there have been given—

By Mrs. Ann Abbott,	29	volumes.
Leonard Kip, Esq.	16	
Mrs. Mary Van Brunt,	14	
Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop,	11	
John I. Labagh, Esq.	11	
Rev. George Bourne,	7	
John D. Keese, Esq.	5	
W. B. Crosby, Esq.	5	
Jas. Bogert, Jr. Esq.	3	
Miss Phebe Halsted,	2	
Pierson Halsted, Esq.	1	

C. W. Lawrence, Esq.	1 volume.
J. T. Roome, Esq.	1
Robert Carter, Esq.	43
Valentine Vandewater,	5

There have also been received, donations in money, viz :

From James Bogert, Jr. Esq.	$15 83
Miss Mary Brasher,	10 66
Fr. Saltus, Esq.	20 00
David Graham, Esq.	15 00
Rev. B. C. Taylor,	2 00

With which there have been purchased *nineteen* volumes of books, among which is one of the finest copies of Fox's Book of Martyrs, in three volumes, folio, that we have ever seen.

Respectfully reported,

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 3, 1839.

The following communication, with the accompanying extract from the will of the late Richard Cadmus, an elder of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen Neck, N. J. was received.

The undersigned respectfully presents to the General Synod the accompanying extract from the last will and testament of the late Richard Cadmus, of Bergen township, and an elder of the Reformed Dutch Church at Bergen Neck, in New-Jersey, and requests, that the scholarship, founded by this liberal bequest, be known and distinguished by the name of the Richard Cadmus Scholarship.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR,
One of the Executors named in the Will.

June 6th, 1839.

Extract from the Will of Richard Cadmus, deceased, dated August 21st, 1837 ; and proved, and admitted to probate, before the Surrogate of the County of Bergen, May 25th, A. D. 1839.

"Fourth, I give, devise, and bequeath unto the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, the sum of two thousand

dollars, lawful money of the United States, to be appropriated to the endowment of a Scholarship; the principal sum to be duly invested on bond and mortgage, and the lawful interest accruing on the same, to be expended in the education and support, yearly, and every year, of some suitable pious young man, who shall be preparing for the gospel ministry, in the Reformed Dutch Church; the aforesaid sum of two thousand dollars to be paid over by my executors herein after named, unto the person who, at the expiration of one year after my decease, shall be the treasurer of the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and his receipt for the same shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors."

A true extract,

A. O. ZABRISKIE, *Surrogate.*

Resolved, That the Scholarship founded by the above devise, be called the "Richard Cadmus Scholarship."

A memorial was received from Mr. Stephen Hasbrook, a member of the Great Consistory of the Collegiate Church in New-York, complaining of the use of instrumental music in the churches.

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial.

The *ayes* and *nays* on this resolution being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

W. C. Brownlee,	C. L. Hardenburgh,
R. L. Schoonmaker,	J. Garretson,
S. A. Van Vranken,	I. C. Boice,
W. I. Roome,	B. C. Taylor,
C. Heyer,	H. Traphagen,
J. D. Keese,	J. H. Duryee,
J. W. Duryee,	P. I. Quick,
J. C. Sears,	W. R. Gordon,
J. L. Zabriskie,	J. Schoonmaker,
C. P. Wack,	T. M. Strong,
A. A. Beekman,	T. Snediker,

A. Vanderveer,
P. Labagh,
G. W. Bethune,
J. Peters,
I. Van Arsdale,
A. O. Halsey,
J. W. Hangen,
J. C. Elmendorf,
S. Kissam,
W. N. Sill.
P. Phelps,
S. Van Rensselaer,
J. F. Mesick,
J. Lillie,
A. Fort,
E. Alliger,
S. Bruyn,
B. A. Newkirk,
J. P. Knox,
A. N. Kittle,
J. Gray,
R. Heermance,
J. J. Kittle,
I. Hutton,
B. Van Zandt,
C. Wyckoff,
W. Pitcher,
T. Swart,
J. Murphy,
B. B. Westfall,
J. D. Fonda,
P. Putman,
J. M. Scribner,
A. I. Swits,
J. V. S. Riley,
J. Saunders,
J. Beattie,
B. Bassler,
J. B. Ten Eyck,
W. Cahoone,
B. Hoff,
J. Van Deursen,
W. D. Kirtlandt—65.

NAYS.

A. Van Nest,
E. Wiggins,
J. Van Blarcom,
I. N. Wyckoff,
W. Houston—5.

The Stated Clerk presented a communication which he had received from the Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick, relative to the arrears due from that Classis, for Minutes of the Synod, furnished to them, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological School of the Reformed Dutch Church, respectfully report to the General Synod :

The Board assembled at the appointed time, July 11, 1838, at New-Brunswick. Twenty-two members were in attendance.—Communications were received from the respective professors, all concurring in representing, that the conduct generally of the students, during the past year, has been exemplary, as to their attention to their studies, and their religious character and conduct. The following were reported as constituting the different classes:

Senior Class—

Philip M. Brett,
Robert C. Clark,
Orlando Harriman, Jr.
John A. Van Doren,
Cornelius Wyckoff.

Middle Class—

John H. Ackerson,
John B. Crawford,
Anthony Elmendorf,
John E. Johnson,
William S. Moore,
Daniel M. L. Quackenbush,
John J. Quick.

Junior Class—

John B. Alliger,
Jacob Bookstaver,
David D. Demarest,
Ephraim Depuy,
John L. Janeway,
William R. Janeway,
Robert Pitts,
William H. Steele,
John A. Staats,
Martin L. Schenck,
George Schenck,
William T. Van Doren,
Robert Van Amburgh,
John Witbeck,
Isaac P. Stryker.

Edward D. Johnson and William Wright received certificates; the former in order to pursue a course of law studies, and the latter, in order to connect himself with the theological seminary at Princeton. The board resolved, that as in the plan of the theological school, the General Synod have entrusted to them, in connexion with the professors, the reception of students, it was proper that the power of dismissing students should be considered as vested in the same. This board annually appoint a committee out of their number, in the vicinity of New-Brunswick, to act in conjunction with the professors in this matter. Although it is deemed competent for the professors to give leave of temporary absence, it is expected that in all cases where full dismissions are requested, the committee of this board will be consulted.

The classes were examined in the different branches of study by the professors in their respective departments. The board was gratified by the proofs exhibited of the fidelity and success of the professors, in the discharge of their duties, and of the advancement of the students in preparation for the great work which they have in view. The board can only reiterate their confidence, which they have heretofore from time to time expressed, in their professors, to whom they have entrusted the charge of their theological school, and their unwavering conviction, that while it fully merits it should call forth the co-operation of all the friends of our church, in promoting its influence and prosperity. This co-operation should be active and untiring. While we believe that no institution furnishes better means for acquiring a sound and accurate theological education, we feel that it is desirable that our churches should be supplied from the fountains, where, in early attachment to her order and interests, they shall go forth in the force of their early associations, and strong attachments. From year to year, vacancies by death, and removals in our churches, are occurring; new openings for the organization of churches of our denomination are found, while the cry from heathen lands, "come over and help us," is addressed to us. To meet these wants, an increased number of licentiates, from year to year, is to be desired. The class which entered the seminary last fall, is more than usually large, arising in a great measure from the blessed effusion of the Spirit on our literary institution.

May we not hope that the accessions to our theological school will exhibit an onward progress? To effect this, the constant co-operation of all the friends of the church, in bringing to the school all the sons of the church within her bounds, preparing for the ministry, is called for, while it is hoped, that some, from other sources, may be attached to her. The importance of our literary institution, in furnishing supplies to the theological school, is very apparent. It has continually yielded a large proportion, but at no time so much as in the last class. Fourteen out of the fifteen who constitute the class, are graduates of Rutgers College. In laboring for the prosperity of the college, we employ one of the surest and most effectual means for promoting the prosperity of the theological school, and the welfare of the church.

This board appointed a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the General Synod, and suggest to them the propriety of endeavoring to obtain the services of Dr. Janeway in some appropriate department in the theological school. The examination of the students was unanimously sustained, and the members of the senior class were recommended to the professors for their certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN VEDDER, *Prest. pro tem.*
EDWIN HOLMES, *Clerk pro tem.*

A true copy of the original,

THOMAS DE WITT, *Stated Clerk.*

July 12, 1838.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, list of the securities belonging to the Synod, now in the hands of the Treasurer, and an Account Current of said Board with the Board of Education; and another Account Current with the Widows' Fund; and also a List of the Clerical Subscribers to the

said Fund; which were read and accepted, and referred. So much as related to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund, and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the last year.

They have met as often as the business entrusted to them has required; their counsels have been united, and all their feelings mutually cordial and affectionate.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will exhibit in detail the state of the funds of Synod. The income of the year has enabled the treasurer punctually to meet the Synod's pecuniary engagements. The different funds continue to be kept distinct from each other, and the accounts of each are exhibited in the clearest and most intelligible form.

During the past year, a Scholarship in the Theological College has been endowed, by the payment of seventeen hundred dollars, by Miss Anna Turk, a member of the Collegiate Church, in the name of her late revered mother, and to be called "The Tannake Turk Scholarship."

The subject of extinguishing the right of William A. Mercein to publish the Psalm Book, and to procure its publication in another form, to meet the wants of the churches, having been referred to the Board by the Synod, they have, in consideration of the payment to Mr. Mercein of eight hundred dollars, received from him an assignment and release of his right to publish the book, and have also received and broken up his stereotype plates, from which it had been printed.

They have subsequently, after careful inquiry and negotiation, contracted with Messrs. George W. Mentz & Son, of the city of Philadelphia, for the right of printing the Psalm Book for three years, for the sum of eight hundred dollars, being the amount paid to Mr. Mercein; the said George W. Mentz & Son engaging to procure two new sets of stereotype plates, of 12mo. and 24mo.

size, and furnish books of a good impression (the specimens of which are in possession of your board), on paper of the value of at least four dollars per ream, substantially bound, in sheep, with flexible backs, and lettered, and to be sold at one dollar per copy for the large, or 12mo. size, and fifty-six and a quarter cents for the smaller, or 24mo. size, with a deduction therefrom of ten per cent. when a dozen or more copies are purchased at one time; the books to be sold in sheets when requested, deducting the price of binding, and varying according to the quality of the paper. When eight thousand copies shall be sold, a reduction of ten cents a copy shall be made from the above-mentioned prices. A full supply of the books to be constantly furnished to the churches; and at the expiration of three years from the date of the contract, General Synod to be at liberty to cancel the same and take the stereotype plates at their justly appraised value.

In compliance with this contract, the Messrs. Mentz have procured the plates and issued the books. The style in which the books are executed; and the prices at which they are furnished, will, as your board believe, meet all reasonable expectations on the part of the churches.

☞ It is recommended to the General Synod, so to amend the plan of the Widows' Fund, as to allow any minister, who shall contribute or subscribe to the fund, at any time to withdraw the amount paid by him, without interest, and consequently to relinquish his claim upon the fund.

Upon the subject of this fund, your board cannot speak without pain. Whilst they have the most undoubted confidence in the wisdom and the benevolence of the plan, and every year see the objects for whose relief it has been devised, suffering for the want of its aid; although they have sought by all the means in their power, its promotion; they have to report to Synod, that but a small proportion of the ministers of the church have become subscribers, that the collections recommended to be taken in October last, have been almost entirely neglected, and that only from a very few of the agents of the classes have they heard at all. The treasurer's account will show the actual state of the fund, and the subject is

earnestly commended to the attention of the Synod. Your Board will deeply regret to see either the plan abandoned, or in any way materially interfered with; all that is wanting to carry a solace to the heart of many a widow and fatherless child, is to have it efficiently executed.

Messrs. Cornelius Heyer and Abraham Van Nest have been appointed by the board to give the Synod any further information that may be required.

In addition to the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest is herewith submitted.

CORNS. HEYER, *President.*
ABR'M VAN NEST, }
W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX, }
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 31*st May*, 1839.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Young, *their Treasurer.*

1838		DR.		
June	1	To cash paid Rev. Thomas M. Strong, one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, due this day, and for postage, paid by him,	$101	00
	5	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, being the interest received on the Scholarships in the Theological College, and on the bequest of the Rev. Nicholas Lansing $600	553	00
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	7	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
	11	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer General Synod, one year's salary, due yesterday, postage and discount,	258	17
	18	" " Joshua and Benjamin D. Brush, loaned them on their bond, dated 1st May last, with interest at 7 per cent. secured by mortgage on four lots of ground in Morton street, New-York,	9000	00
		" " Peter Van Bergen, for attendance as door-keeper, and for stationary for General Synod, at their meeting at Albany, the present month,	13	37
July	3	" " A. Hegeman & Son for a Book for Minutes for General Synod,	9	00
	19	" " Mercein & Post, for printing Minutes of General Synod, for 1838, paper, binding, &c.	176	10
		" " the following persons for their expenses in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, at New-Brunswick, on the 11th inst. viz:		
		Rev. Richard Sluyter, $11 37		
		" William S. Heyer, 9 00		
		" Joshua Boyd, 13 81		
		" Edwin Holmes, 11 00		
		" R. D. Van Kleeck, 12 00	57	18
		Carried forward,	$11392	82

1838		DR.			
July	19	Brought forward,		$11392	82
		To cash paid Rev. James Romeyn,	$7 50		
		" James Murphy,	16 00		
		" Henry Mandeville,	25 00		
		" B. Hoff,	12 00		
		" John H. Pitcher,	11 50		
		" Isaac S. Demund,	3 00		
		" A. B. Chittenden,	13 50		
		" Isaac D. Cole,	2 50		
		" John A. Liddell,	5 30		
		" Robert P. Lee, Jr.	5 00		
		" Herman Vedder,	9 50		
				110	80
Aug.	7	" " Rev. Dr. Knox, interest on $500, part of the donation of James Bogert, Jr. for the endowment of a Scholarship, from 26th October, 1837, to 7th May, 1838, directed by him to be applied to increase of the Theological Library of Rutgers College,		15	83
	9	" " William A. Mercein, for his stereotype plates of the Psalm Book, and a release of his right to publish it,		800	00
Sep.	3	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, for one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	11	" " Peter Spader, treasurer of Rutgers College, one year's interest on the donation of H. Rutgers of $5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June, 1838,		300	00
Oct.	8	" " Philip Jordan, for engrossing the minutes of the Board of Corporation, from June, 1835, to June, 1838,		34	90
	15	" " for the travelling expenses of the delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in September last, viz:			
		Rev. B. C. Taylor,	21 76		
		" A. Messler,	19 85		
				41	61
Nov.	9	" " Cornelius Heyer, this amount belonging to the Widows' Fund, to be invested on temporary loan,		1000	00
		" " Cornelius Heyer, this amount belonging to the Education Fund, to be invested on temporary loan,		1900	00
		" " Henry Solomon, amount of his bill for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College,		48	44
	10	" " I. Conover & Son's bill for painting the interior of Rutgers College,		19	59
		Carried forward,		16888	99

1838		DR.		
Dec.	4	Brought forward,	$16888	99
		To cash paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary, as professor, &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, for interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due this day,	682	50
	8	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary, as professor, &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
	13	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary, as professor, &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
1839 Jan.	12	" " Poineer & Snell, for ten subscription books for the Widows' Fund,	2	08
		" " Greenwich Insurance Company, for premium of insurance on Rutgers College, for one year from 15th inst.	48	00
Mar	5	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary, as professor &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	14	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary, as professor, &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	19	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan, belonging to the Widows' Fund,	1000	00
	30	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary, as professor, &c. in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
May	25	" " Judah Hammond, loaned him on his bond and mortgage, dated 22d instant, with interest at seven per cent.	10000	00
	27	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st June next, $100, and for postage paid by him, $1,	101	00
	31	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, for six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, amounting to $19,500, due 4th day of June next, $682 50 And for interest on a temporary loan of $1900, belonging to the Education Fund, 60 17	742	67
		To balance in Bank, $2,260 43 " cash on hand, 40 00	2300	43
			$34215	67

1838		CR.			
June	1	By balance of last year's account, brought forward,		$2445	40
	2	" Cash received for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 5th instant,		60	00
		" " of Rev. M. W. Dwight, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Long Island,		7	50
	4	" " for a dividend on twenty-three shares Bergen Turnpike Stock,		14	37
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due this day,		140	00
	9	" " of Rev. Dr. Janeway, for one year's interest on his subscription of $2500 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May last,		150	00
	11	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New-Brunswick,		8	00
	18	" " of Lewis Webb, in full payment of the principal of his bond to General Synod, $9000, with interest to the 1st of May last,		9201	95
		" " for one year's subscription to the Widows' Fund, due 10th inst. from			
		Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop	$20		
		" Wilhelmus Eltinge	20		
		" R. Ormiston Currie	20		
		" James R. Talmage	20		
		" James Romeyn	20		
		" John C. Vandervoort	20		
		" Henry Mandeville	20		
		" Edwin Holmes	20		
		" J. H. Van Wagenen	20		
		" Dr. De Witt	20		
		" Christopher Hunt	20		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff	20		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor	20		
		" Thomas A. Amerman	20		
		" John E. Miller	20		
		" R. D. Van Kleeck	20		
		" Nicholas I. Marselus	20		
		" Joseph Wilson	20		
				360	00
		" " of Rev. J. Van Vechten, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Schenectady,		13	00
	20	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 8th instant,		150	00
		" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May last—			
		From Adrian Cortelyou, three years,	$45		
		Adrian Van Brunt, three years,	45		
		Carried forward,	90	$12640	22

1838		CR.			
June	20	Brought forward,	90	$12550	22
		Cornelius Duryee	15		
		David W. Wetmore	30		
		David L. Haight	30		
		Richard K. Haight	30		
		David H. Haight	30		
		Thomas C. Doremus	30		
		Obadiah Holmes	15		
		Richard V. De Witt	30		
		Stephen Van Rensselaer	300		
		James Suydam	30		
		Thomas L. Chester	15		
		Collegiate Dutch Church, N. York,	300		
		John Oothout	30		
		Catelina Oothout	30		
				1005	00
July	9	By cash received of Rev. B. C. Taylor, a donation from friends in Bergen, to the Widows' Fund,		5	00
	31	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d May last,		350	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $8000 due 4th June last,		280	00
		" " of Rev. N. I. Marselus, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of New-York,		23	00
Aug.	28	" " for six months' interest on three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, two for $5000 each, and one for $4000.		420	00
Sep.	11	" " of Peter Spader, treasurer, &c. for the balance of cash in his hands due to the Professoral Fund of the Theological College 1st inst.		194	00
Oct.	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th instant,		87	50
	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.		297	50
	12	" " of Anna Turk for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College, to be called the "Tannake Turk Scholarship,"		1700	00
	15	" " of Stephen Garretson, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Bergen, New-Jersey, for the Widows' Fund,		15	00
		" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Utrecht, Long Island, for the Widows' Fund,	16		
		Donation of an individual belonging to that church,	10		
				26	00
	22	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Prospect, N. J. for the Widows' Fund,		3	00
	23	" " of Rev. N. I. Marselus, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New-York,		6	00
	29	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st August last,		75	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d instant,		70	00
		Carried forward,		$17107	22

1838		CR.		
Nov.	1	Brought forward,	$17107	22
		By cash received for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due this day,	315	00
	6	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $5500, due 1st inst.	192	50
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due this day,	290	50
	7	" " of Cornelius Heyer, for one year's interest on $872, invested by him on temporary loan,	61	04
		" " for one year's interest on subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May last, from Maria A Kissam, $30 Leffert Lefferts, 30	60	00
	13	" " for a collection made in the First Reformed Dutch Church in Philadelphia, for the Widows' Fund,	25	62
		" " of Mrs. Cornelia Leverich, her subscription to the Widows' Fund,	100	00
	21	" " of Rev. J. Van Vechten, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Schenectady,	17	00
	23	" " of Mrs. Catharine Few, her subscription to the Widows' Fund,	25	00
	27	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3700, due 24th instant,	129	50
	30	" " for six months' interest on three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, two for $5000 each, and one for $4000,	420	00
Dec.	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d November last,	350	00
	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due yesterday,	140	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due this day,	60	00
	6	" " of Rev. John Garretson, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Belleville, New-Jersey, for the Widows' Fund,	16	75
	12	" " of James Van Antwerp, his subscription to the Widows' Fund,	100	00
		" " of Mrs. Annatje Van Antwerp, her subscription to the Widows' Fund,	50	00
	21	" " for one year's subscription to the Widows' Fund, due 10th June last, From Rev. James Lillie $20 " Charles Whitehead 20 " Zachariah H. Kuypers 20	60	00
		" " of the following persons, their subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, Maria A. Kissam $100 Mrs. Richard Varick 25 James Bowen 50 John I. Brower 25 John Van Nest 25	225	00
		Carried forward,	$19745	13

1838		CR.			
Dec.	22	Brought forward,		$19745	13
		By cash received of Samuel Smith, two years' interest on his subscription of $250 to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May last,		30	00
	31	" " of Rev. S. H. Meeker, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the South Classis of New-York,	8		
		And on account of arrearages,	15	23	00
1839 Jan.	3	" " collected in the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Albany, for the Widows' Fund,		26	89
	8	" " for a dividend on twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,		17	25
	10	" " for subscription to the Widows' Fund, of Mrs. Isaac Heyer	$25		
		Mrs. Cornelia Whitney	25	50	00
	22	" " Rev. A. H. Warner, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Hackensack, for the Widows' Fund,		14	00
Feb.	7	" " of Reuben Van Pelt, his subscription to the Widows' Fund,		25	00
	11	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church in Ninth street, for the Widows' Fund,		81	12
	12	" " for subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, of Peter Sharpe	$100		
		Mrs. Maria Prall	50	150	00
	18	" " of Anthony Kerr, one year's interest on his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, due 1st May last,		15	00
	20	" " for six months' interest, on bond for $2500, due 1st instant,		75	00
	23	" " of Mrs. Aletta Strong, her subscription to the Widows' Fund,		100	00
	26	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8000,		280	00
Mar.	4	" " for subscriptions to the Widows' Fund, of Mrs. Thomas Brooks	$100		
		A friend, by the hands of Rev. M. Lusk, of Jersey City,	100	200	00
	5	" " collected in the Middle and North Dutch Churches, New-York, for the Widows' Fund,		94	15
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 8th December last,		150	00
	13	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 20th April next,		87	50
	18	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Shannack, for the Widows' Fund,		8	50
	22	" " amount loaned to George Dutch, on bond and mortgage with interest, to this day,		2369	39
	28	" " of Smith W. Anderson, for his subscription to the Widows' Fund,		50	00
		Carried forward,		$23591	93

1839.		CR.		
Apr.	1	Brought forward,	$23591	93
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Tompkinsville, for the Widows' Fund,	9	34
	8	" for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d instant,	297	50
	16	" " collected in the congregation at Linlithgow, for the Widows' Fund,	106	25
	18	" " of Hubert Van Wagenen, Jr., his subscription to the Widows' Fund,	25	00
	22	" " of Joseph W. Duryee, his subscription to the Widows' Fund,	20	00
	26	" " of Rev. James Scribner, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Schoharie,	30	00
May	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due this day,	315	00
	2	" " of H. Loucks, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Montgomery,	18	00
	4	" " of Peter Spader, for the principal of Peter Demott's bond and mortgage belonging to the Professoral Fund,	500	00
	6	" " for three months' interest on bond for $2500, due 1st instant,	37	50
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $5500, due 1st inst.	192	50
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due this day,	290	50
	7	" " of Rev. John Van Liew, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Philadelphia,	9	25
		" " collected in the Church at Union, Albany County, for the Widows' Fund,	7	04
	8	" " of John Warren, in full payment of his bond and mortgage, with interest to this day,	2503	87
		" " of Rev. R. Wells, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Newark, for the Widows' Fund,	18	60
	9	" " of Rev. J. Van Vechten, Questor, for Minutes furnished to the Classis of Schenectady,	10	00
	10	" " for the subscriptions of the following clergymen to the Widows' Fund, viz:		
		Rev. John Garretson $20		
		" Isaac S. Demund 20		
		" A. N. Kittle 20		
		" Ira C. Boice, two years, 40		
		" A. H. Warner 20		
		" Jefferson Wynkoop 20		
		" Francis M. Kip 20		
		" William S. Heyer 20		
		" John E. Miller 20		
		" Dr. Brownlee 20		
		" Dr. De Witt 20		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor 20		
		" Edward H. May, two years, 40		
		" Ransford Wells 20	320	00
		Carried forward,	$28302	28

1839		CR.		
May	10	Brought forward,	$28302	28
		By cash received of Rev. John Lillie, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Ulster,	20	00
	14	" " of James Bogert, Jr., his subscription to the Widows' Fund,	20	00
	15	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Questor, for Minutes of General Synod for 1838, for the Classis of New-Brunswick, $10 00 And on account of arrearages, 28 59	38	59
	18	" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan on the 9th November last, with interest to this day, belonging to the Education Fund,	1960	17
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan on the 9th November last, with interest to this day, belonging to the Widows' Fund,	1031	66
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan on the 19th March last, with interest to this day, belonging to the Widows' Fund,	1010	00
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan, with interest from 7th August last to this day, belonging to the Permanent Fund,	919	64
	20	" " of Abraham Van Nest, one year's interest on his subscription of $5000 to the Permanent Fund,	300	00
		" " of Rev. Thomas M. Strong, arrearages for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Philadelphia,	9	00
		" " of Abraham Van Nest, for his subscription to the Widows' Fund,	100	00
	23	" " of William Schuneman, collected by him on the old subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, deducting his commissions, &c.	74	36
	28	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $10000, due 22d inst.	350	00
	29	" " of Rev. James Brownlee, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Staten Island, for the Widows' Fund,	50	00
		" " of Rev. James Brownlee, his subscription to the Widows' Fund, for 1838,	20	00
	30	" " for collection in the Reformed Dutch Church at Schraalenberg, for the Widows' Fund,	9	97
			$34215	67
	31	By balance due to General Synod,	$2300	43

Errors excepted,

ISAAC YOUNG,
Treasurer.

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod, of two thousand three hundred dollars and forty-three cents.

CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Committee.*
ABRAHAM VAN NEST, }

NEW-YORK, 31st May, 1839.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1839.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds devoted to Education Purposes.

The Van Benschoten Fund.

The amount of this fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the state of New-Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1839, to	$19,980 00
Balance in his hands on that day,	886 59
Interest due on same fund, 1st May, 1839,	1,318 80
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	1,237 00

Legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox.

The amount of this fund is $2,000, which is loaned on bond, secured by mortgage on property in the state of New-Jersey,	$2,000 00
Interest due on this fund, on the 1st May, 1839,	$120 00
Balance due Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c. 1st April, 1839,	$102 14
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	240 00
Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for education purposes,	$21,400 00

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for the Widows' Fund,	$2,000 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to this fund,	1,141 11

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages on real estate,	$64,100 00
Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and tranferred by them to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, rendered 1st September, 1838,	3,650 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Notes given for subscriptions,	300 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year,	$232 34
And there has been paid for paper, printing, &c.	176 10

CORNELIUS HEYER, *President.*

ABR'M VAN NEST,
W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 31*st May*, 1839.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Cornelius Heyer, President; Messrs. William B. Crosby, Abraham Van Nest, and Rev. John Knox, D. D., Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, accompanied with a copy of the Minutes of their last session, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. J. F. Berg, of the German Reformed Church, having appeared in Synod and presented testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding member.

The following report was received from the delegates to attend the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The undersigned, delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, respectfully report to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, that they discharged the duties of their appointment, by attending the Sessions of the Synod, which convened in the city of Lancaster, on the last day of September, A. D. 1838.

Your delegates were courteously received, hospitably entertained, and throughout the period of their attendance treated with fraternal affection.

The business of that reverend body was transacted with great harmony, and a fresh impulse given thereby to the onward movement of the German Reformed Church, in the promotion of the internal interests of their churches, the improvement of the condition of their literary and theological institutions, while a noble step was taken in the cause of Foreign Missions, in which that section of the Christian Church is now engaging with a commendable zeal.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR.
ABRAHAM MESSLER.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report:

1st. That an Abstract of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church in Scot-

land, at their Session held in August last, has been presented. In these minutes it is represented that the Synod had devolved on the Presbytery of Kingston, the maintenance of correspondence with this Synod, which Presbytery stated their intention of availing themselves of some favorable opportunity for renewing said correspondence.

According to this minute, a letter has also been received from the Rev. Mr. Gordon, expressing kind and Christian regards for this Synod and the churches under its care, and your committee recommend for adoption, the following:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod, reply to the aforesaid letter, in which reply, affectionate and Christian regards for the Synod in Canada be expressed, accompanied however with information that this body cannot maintain a correspondence on any other than ecclesiastical matters.

2d. The committee recommend that the annual appointment of delegates to the German Reformed Synod be made, and are prepared to present a nomination of a double number, out of which the delegates shall be chosen.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, Synod proceeded to elect the same, when the Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D. and John Ludlow, D. D. were chosen *Primarii*, and the Rev. James B. Hardenburgh D. D. and Jacob C. Sears, were chosen *Secundi.*

The following report was received from the committee to conduct the correspondence with the United Associate Church of Scotland.

The undersigned, chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, begs leave to report, that in obedience to their orders, he forwarded last summer, a letter of correspondence, in the name of the Synod, to the General Synod of the United Associate Church of Scotland. He has not yet received the reply of that venerable

body. As they meet in May, it is quite probable that their letter may arrive in the course of this month.

If it should arrive, your committee with the leave of this Synod, will cause it to be published in the Christian Intelligencer.

Your committee would only further suggest that the committee on this Foreign Correspondence be continued. The present members of said committee, are Rev. Dr. Ferris, the Hon. P. Vroom, and the subscriber.

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

June 10, 1839.

Resolved, That the committee be continued.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

In conformity to the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee of arrangements, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D. John Garretson, and John Gray, and the Elders, William I. Roome, and Samuel Allen.

Resolved, That Synodical prayer meetings be held every morning during the present session, at 6 o'clock, in the Consistory Rooms of the first and third Reformed Dutch Churches in this city.

The committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following report:

The God of our blessings has assembled us together, as a judicatory of Christ's church, under circumstances demanding our gratitude and our praise. As it is our privilege, at the close of another year of labor, in the vineyard of the Lord, to come together, and view the fruit of our efforts, through the blessing of the Spirit's grace, we feel it to be a matter of the deepest interest, to inquire

what have been the results of a year's embassage to guilty man, by near two hundred ambassadors, who have gone forth, and treated with them in the name of Jesus Christ, the great King of Zion. As to the multitudes of righteous and wicked to whom the messages of grace have been borne, it becomes us, with no little trembling, to ask, "who have believed our report?" Have those who have heretofore professedly returned to their allegiance to the King of heaven, proved to be faithful subjects? In answer to these inquiries, your committee are of opinion, that they should make the following statement. Prayer has been answered; times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, have come to many of our churches; sinners have been saved—saints have rejoiced; and, in many cases, the pastors' hearts have been cheered in view of the blessings of the Shepherd of Israel, that have rested on *his* fold; the heralds of the cross have preached Jesus Christ; the hand of the Lord has been with them; a great number have believed and turned to the Lord. We have seen—we have heard—of the grace of God, and we are glad. The churches within our bounds have, during the past year, had rest, and been edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, have been multiplied." The news brought to us about Zion's condition, is evidently such as to call for thanksgiving from this body, and from the churches. Still, some of the signs of the times, bid us all to weep and mourn before God.

From the statistics of the churches, we learn, that about fifteen hundred have believed, and been added to the churches. There are about two hundred and fifty Sabbath schools. In these there are from twelve to fifteen thousand children and youth.

For more particular information concerning the welfare and the woes of Zion, your committee would direct the attention of this body to the following accounts given by the Synods, from the classes. Abundant reason for humiliation and mourning, before God, is found, in the fact that the gospel has not had free course in some parts of our church, among those who are yet without.

From the Classis of Bergen we have language like this. The contrast of the past and the present year is painful and humbling:

then many rejoiced in the conversion of sinners—now, one and another of the watchmen lament coldness, barrenness, and the few accessions which have been made to their communion.

While many immoralities exist within the bounds of the Classis of Paramus, calculated to call forth the tears of God's people, they specify as among the most crying sins, intemperance and unbelief.

The Classis of Long Island laments the prevalence of Sabbath breaking, intemperance, and unbelief, as obstacles in the way of the progress of the gospel.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie laments that so few accessions are made to the communion of the church, and that so many vices which are condemned by the Word of God, and are opposed to the best interests of man, continue to prevail.

The Classis of Greene laments that religion is not so flourishing with them as during the preceding year, when the Lord greatly blessed them.

With these statements before us, we would exhort one another, and our brethren, and the disciples of Christ in all our churches, to humiliation before God; and we would urge them to pray and labor for blessings where evils complained of now prevail; for, as iniquities do testify against us, it becomes us to cry to Him who alone can blot them out, and who can send salvation to the people.

Your committee rejoice that they can furnish this Synod, and the churches, with subjects for praise.

The Classis of Philadelphia gives the cheering intelligence, that no church in that classis has been left without witness of God's presence in his converting and sanctifying grace; while upon *some* the rain of the Spirit has been *copious* and *refreshing*. The First Church of Philadelphia is mentioned as having been visited with a remarkable blessing. The whole number of subjects of this outpouring of the Spirit is about one hundred, embracing all classes; but the young, in the Sabbath schools and Bible classes constitute by far the majority. The Third Church has shared, in some degree, the same blessing. The church at Mount Pleasant has enjoyed a most cheering season of refreshing, inspiring grati-

tude for the past, and hope for the future. The church at North Branch has enjoyed more than an ordinary blessing.

In the Classis of New-Brunswick there have not been wanting some more than ordinary indications of the presence of the Spirit of God among the churches. In several of their churches the accessions have been larger than usual.

The Classis of New-York report, that they find much in the state of their churches that calls for devout gratitude, and is calculated to cheer and encourage the hearts of the servants of Christ. The accession to the churches has been in rather more than usual numbers.

The Classis of Long Island state, that while nothing of a signal character has marked the year that is past, yet, there are some pleasing intimations from which they would take encouragement. In several of the congregations, cases of awakening and conversions have recently occurred.

From the Classis of Paramus we learn, that in the churches of Warwick and Nyack, things appear to be in an interesting state.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie report, that, while their churches have not experienced any extraordinary visitations of saving mercy, yet, the general condition of their churches is well adapted to strengthen their hands, and encourage their hearts.

The Synod of Albany mention particularly the Classes of Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Albany, as having enjoyed peculiar tokens of the Divine favor; several of their churches have received large accessions.

In the Classis of Schoharie there is an improvement upon the state of thing at the date of last year's report.

Although there are no reports from the Classes of Montgomery and Cayuga, your committee learn, by conversation with the members of the Classis of Montgomery, on the floor of Synod, that no report has been acted on from that Classis for the last two years. Your committee find that this Classis has, for the last two years, been in a rapidly progressing state of improvement. During the two years, two new churches have been formed—Mohawk and Fulton; five ministers have been settled; joint charges have sepa-

rated, and each called a pastor. The churches of Columbia and Warren, which were almost dissolved, have been revived under the labors of a missionary, and are now very desirous of obtaining the services of a faithful minister. The churches are enjoying peace and harmony, and appear to be advancing in vital godliness; the gospel has been faithfully preached, prayer-meetings have been established, Sabbath-school instruction has been attended to in almost all the churches, catechetical instruction prevails generally, and some of the churches have been blessed with abundant outpourings of the Spirit of God, and many have been added to the church. The churches, all except four, are now supplied with ministers, and the churches in the Valley of the Mohawk, are, at this time, more pure in morals and practice, and more correct in order, and orthodox in principle, than at any former period of their history.

We would further state, that from reports before them, your committee are pleased to find, that there exists in the hearts of both pastors and people, not only a becoming attachment to the doctrines of the church of Christ, as embodied in our standards, but there is also a good measure of faithfulness in teaching them from the pulpit, and from house to house.

The spirit of missions in our churches is on the advance, and is becoming to a greater extent identified with the habitual exercises of the Christian graces; so that we find in the churches, a desire at least, to attain to the spirit of the Master, who came from heaven to earth to speak unto us the word of life, and an approximation to the spirit of Apostles, who prayed and labored to make known the gospel of Christ, not only in Judea, but in all the world.

We rejoice to find, that there is also, in most of the churches, marked attention paid to the religious training of the young. Bible and catechetical instruction is regarded as one of the principal spheres of ministerial effort. The consistories of the churches and the people generally are becoming more alive to the spiritual good of the youth, whom they have taken under their care and oversight, and whom they have solemnly promised to instruct in the perfect doctrine of salvation. There seems to be a growing sense of the importance of laboring more diligently to secure the all-important result, that "instead of the fathers there shall be the children, that

the name of the Lord may be remembered in all generations, and be praised for ever and ever." *Another fact* worthy of notice and of great value to every pastor, and to the church, is the assurance that prayer is made to God continually, for the churches; that meetings for prayer receive increasing attention, and that the *spirit* of supplications has been poured out upon the Israel of God. This we should regard as the harbinger of more abundant blessings to the churches.

We should not fail also to record our thanksgiving for the blessings of peace and harmony so general in the churches. A fact worthy of notice on this subject, is, that not a single case of appeal appears before this body at its present session; nor were any prosecuted before either of the Particular Synods. The language from almost every church is, "Peace and harmony prevail," and brotherly love exerts its hallowed influence.

These facts are regarded by your committee as decided and cheering evidences of the presence of the Spirit with the churches in our bounds; and, in view of them, we should "think of the loving-kindness of the Lord, and offer unto God thanksgiving, even praises unto the Most High."

During the year past, two of our brethren in the ministry, viz: Rev. C. Hunt and Rev. S. Bunnell, have ended their labors, and gone to their reward; some, who have filled important spheres of counsel and of action, in the churches—whose prayers and labors have been for the peace and prosperity of Zion, and whose wisdom and piety have been of great value to the church, have departed from their toils, to their rest, leaving behind them an example that we should follow.

Blessings, descending from the Father of light upon our Zion, the prevalence of many sins—the lost condition of thousands under our care—the voice from the grave of the departed—all conspire to urge upon us the necessity of being fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; to watch in all things, enduring afflictions, and making full proof of our ministry; that we may finish our course with joy.

To the people of our charge this Synod would say, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified. To all the brethren of the ministry, we would say,

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season," and trust in the promise and to the Spirit of the blessed Saviour for success; never forgetting that

'Tis not a cause of small import,
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
It filled a Saviour's hands.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GARRETSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
New-York,	John Knox,																	310 Fourth st. N.York.
	W. C. Brownlee,				39	38	22		13	1142	57	5			4			366 Greenwich st. "
	T. De Witt,																	108 Leonard st. "
Franklin street,	C. Hunt,																	583 Broome st. "
Broome street,	S. A. Van Vranken,	235	1300	396	12	4	14			393	20	4			2	300	200	118 Broome st, "
Houstoun street,	Vacant,																	
Greenwich,	N. I. Marselus, S. C.	300	1600	416	7	17	16		5	419	31	2	179		2	412	287	54 Hammond st. "
Twenty-first street,	E. H. May,																	175 Eighth avenue
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	62	300	44	10		2	1	4	47	13	1	30		1	80	60	New-York.
Harlaem,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	110	430		14	3	6			100	15	2			1	85		Harlaem.
Fordham,	P. I. Van Pelt,	86	300	92														West-Farms.
Tarrytown,	G. Dubois,	87	435	85	15	16			2	113	12	2	60	20				Tarrytown.
Unionville,	Vacant.																	Unionville.
Staten-Island,	J. Brownlee,	180	880	118	15	4	2		3	131	4	18			1	90	70	Cityville, Staten Island.
Ger. Reformed Church,	Vacant.																	
West-Farms,	Vacant.																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Ava Neal, George Bourne, J. W. Mulligan, C. C. Vermeule, J. Moule, J. S. Ebaugh, J. Rudy, and A. I. Labagh.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tompkinsville,	John E. Miller,	72	360	89	4	3	1		1	94	17		31		1	108	71	
South Dutch,	John M. M'Auley,	106	600		17	22				164	7				1	150	100	
Market street,	Isaac Ferris,	220	1300	414	16	15	16	2	7	422	18	3	60		1	300	250	
Church of Washington square,	J. M. Matthews, M. S. Hutton,			61	11	26				98	14	4			1	122		
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,	80		66	12	14	10			82	12	1	32			305		
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	82	395	108	6	4	1		3	114	14		35		1	90	80	
Courtlandt-town,	C. D. Westbrook,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. Alburtis, James B. Amble, C. Knouse, and D. S. Bogart.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended,	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
New-Brunswick,	S. B. Howe,																		New-Brunswick.
Six Mile Run,	J. C. Sears,	190	1075		9	3	7	2	3	226	25	1	155			270			Six Mile Run.
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,	110			16	12	9		5	280	24	3	181		4	220			
1st Somerville,	A. Messler,	180	990	291	28	12	4		4	313	25	6	100		5	265			Somerville.
2d Somerville,	Vacant.	93		154	5	11			1	165									Somerville.
Bedminster,	Vacant.																		Pluckemin.
North Branch,	J. K. Campbell,																		North Branch.
Rockaway,	P. S. Wiliamson,	129		105	6	2	1	1		111	11		25	15	4				Whitehouse, N. J.
Lebanon.	C. P. Wack,	122	640		13		3		1	94	35	1	65		3	70			
Spottswood,	J. C. Van Liew,	150	600	113	10					123	12	5	20		4	100	75		Spottswood.
Freehold,	Vacant.																		Freehold.
Middlebush,	J. A. Van Doren,																		Middlebush.
Middletown,	Vacant,																		
Fairview,	Vacant,																		Fairview, Ill.
Middletown Village,	Vacant,																		

Ministers without charge—Rev. Dr. Janeway, J. T. B. Beckman, J. S. Mabon, J. F. Morris, J. I. Schultz, J. Otterson, and A. D. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen,	B. C. Taylor, S. C.	250	1400	231	5	1	6	1	4	226	25		30	40	1	130	100	Bergen, Bergen Co. N.J.
English Neighborhood,	P. Duryea,	80	350	81	7		2		1	85	7	1	15	24	2	88	70	Eng. Neighborhood "
Hackensack,	A.H. Warner,	125	550	121	4	2	3			122	16	2	60		1	80	60	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg,	M. Osborne,	154	720	160	2				3	159	17	1	25	12				Kinderkamack, "
Belleville,	J. Garretson,	163	820	162	4	2	2		3	163	9		142	63	3	249	218	Belleville, Essex Co. "
Stonehouse Plains,	A. C. Hillman,	83	375	27	3		4		1	26	10		30	6	2	75		Bloomfield, "
Jersey City,	M. Lusk,	60	350		3	4	8				13	1	40	30	1	150	50	Jersey City, "
Pompton,	I. S. Demund,	150	950	132	1	11	1		3	140	3	1	150	20	4	150	150	Pompton, "
Pompton Plains,	G. C. Schenck,	165	925	133	3	2	3		3	132	19			15	3	145		Pompton, "
Ponds,	Z. H. Kuypers,	65	353	62	2		4			83	11							
Preakness,		48	250	53	2					56	6							Paterson, "
Wyckoff,		78	427	69	3	4	1			90	9							
Fairfield,	J. Wilson,			125	2	2				128	5	1			1			Little Falls, "
Montville,	Vacant.				1	3			1	10					1	80	60	A. Ferris, Montville, "
Bergen Neck,	I. C. Boice,	80	400	52					2	50	16				3	150		
Newark,	R. Wells,	155	950	188	9	11	8			200	18	2	180	30		280		Newark, N. J.
Little Falls,	J. Wilson,			26	1	2			1						1			Little Falls, N. J.

Ministers without charge—J. V. C. Romeyn, J. Ennis, Foreign Missionary.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Recd On Confession	Communicants. Recd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B.C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B.C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	S. Schools. Number of Schools	S. Schools. Number of Scholars.	S. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	*Post-Office Addresses.*
Tappan,	Isaac D. Cole,	160	805	183	4	2	9		4	176	18		25	25				Tappan, Rockland Co
Clarkstown	Peter I. Quick,	149		168	11	4	26*		4	153	12	1		35				Clarkstown, "
Saddle River and Pascack,	John Manley,	115 130	522 607	105 90	1 6				1 1	10. 95	9 9		25 25		3	60		Pascack, Bergen Co. NJ Aquacknonk, N. J.
Paramus,	W. Eltinge,														1	125		Paterson, "
1st R. D. C. of Totowa,	Ebenezer Wiggins, S.C.	167	742	160	8	5	7	1	9	161	12					160		" "
2d do do	John H. Duryea,	150	600	187	5	1			3	190								Ramapo, Rockland Co.
West New-Hempstead & Ramapo,	Peter Allen,														3			Aquacknonk,
Aquacknonk,	Wm. R. Bogardus,	200	1100	197	6	10	2		3	208	22							
Warwick,	James W. Stewart,	80	440	74	9	3	2		3	6:	11	5		50	1	65		Warwick.
Nyack,	Philip M. Brett,	70	350		21	25				4(	4	1		25	1	51		Nyack,
Piermont,																		Tappan Sloat,

Minister without charge—Rev. J. J. Christie.

* 23 of these were dismissed to the new Reformed Dutch Church at Nyack.

CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Brooklyn,	M. W. Dwight,	140	850		7	6	2		1	180	21	1		40	4	300	250	Brooklyn.
New-Utrecht,	R. O. Currie,	85	475	105	9		1			113	10	2	80	50	3	165	146	New-Utrecht.
Gravesend,	I. P. Labagh,	103	550	675	2		1			66	10		60		1	60	50	Do.
Flatlands,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	85	500	86	12	2				100	8		45	35	2	120	100	Flatbush.
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	100	650	131	6	6	5	1	4	133	12	1	25	25	2	131	108	Do.
New-Lots,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	75	450	57	4					61	6	1	25	20	1	70	60	Do.
Williamsburgh,	James Demarest, S. C.	68	355	72	1	10	3		1	79	5			12	1	100	80	Williamsburgh.
Newtown,	G I. Garretson,	85	500	100	6	2	2			106	9	2	45	36	3	130	100	Newtown.
Jamaica,	J. Schoonmaker,	156	900	150	1	2	2		1	150	31		50	50	4	120	100	Jamaica.
North-Hempstead,	William R. Gordon,	52	230	43	10	8			1	60	9	5			1			Manhasset,
Oyster-Bay,	R. A. Quin,	58	300	82	14	1					4	2	18	97	1	80	60	Cedar-Swamp.
Central, Brooklyn,	Vacant.			45	13	2	12			48	3	2			1	99	73	Brooklyn.

Ministers without charge—Rev. W. H. Campbell and J. Robb.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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North Branch,	J. Van Liew,	200	1000	235	23	1	17		6	236	21	1	100	60	6	320		Centreville, N. J.
Harlingen,	P. Labagh,	140	700	264	9	8	6	1	2	273	25	1	80	100	5	350		Harlingen.
New-Shannock,	G. Ludlow,	200		188	9	4	4		2	195	16		120	75	5	100		Flaggtown.
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	132	650	196	6		3		6	193	6	4	47	65	4	120	100	Newtown, Pa.
1st Ch. Philadelphia,	J. B. Hardenburgh,	265	1325	425	62	21	21	5	7	480	59	16	125	80	4	600	450	Philadelphia.
2d " "																		
3d " "	Geo. W. Bethune,	85		64	30	8	2			100	5	8		27	1	150	100	Do.
Manyunk,	S. A. Bumstead, S. C.	50	400	135	10	4	9		2	140	5	3	30	25	1	170	140	Manyunk, Pa.
Roxborough,	do.	45	350	67	8					75	6	4	28	60	1	130	100	
Blawenburgh,	J. R. Talmadge,	85	550	140	7	3				150	7	4	65	50	4	175	145	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mt. Pleasant,	J. R. Van Arsdalen,	65	310	35	23	3				61	4	12	25		2	40		White-House, Pa.
Clover-Hill,	Wm. Demarest,	36		20	5		4			31	3	3	27	16				Clover-Hill, N. J.

Ministers without charge—Amzi Babbit, John Ludlow, John Gosman, and R. C. Clark, licentiate.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Poughkeepsie,	Alexander M. Mann,	212	1300		22	16	12	1	7	413	28	3		50	1	165	120	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill,	F. M. Kip, S. C.			123	5	2	3		4	123	11	1	61	26	1			Fishkill.
New-Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	700	193	3	3	1		2	196	5	1						New-Hackensack.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,			205	5	2	5		3	204	9	2		56	3			Fishkill.
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,			150	10	2	1		4	157	9	4						Fishkill Landing.
Hyde Park,	John C. Cruickshank,	65	390	82	24	12	5	1		112	23	3			1	40	30	Hyde-Park.
Rhinebeck,	James Lillie,																	Rhinebeck.
Linlithgow,	J. H. Van Wagenen,	160	1015	149						144	8		15	25	4		125	Livingston, Colum. Co.
Greenbush and	H. Vedder,	100	600		3													Pine Plains.
Tagkanick,		100	600															
Red Hook Landing,	Vacant,																	
Red Hook,	J. W. Hangen,																	Upper Red Hook.
G. R. Sanctity Ch.	Do.				2	3	2		1									
Mount Pleasant,	Vacant,				2	1	4		3									
Glenham,	Vacant,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. F. B. Thomson Missionary to Java, Rev. W. Cruickshank.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
1st R. D. Albany,	T. E. Vermilye, S. C.	250	1320	391	16	3	3		5	360		10		275					Albany.
2d do do	I. N. Wyckoff,	255	1274	347	38	22	15		19	379		30	5	179					do
3d do do	E. Holmes,	100	500	103	6	8				117		15	2	54	73	1	177	122	do
Union,	S. V. Westfall,	100	527	89	5		1		3	90		19	1						
Salem,	do	101	569	101	2			1	4	99		15		24					
Bethlehem,	S. Kissam,	150	800	260	7	8	6		4	265		10	2						Bethlehem.
Jerusalem,	do	50	250		6				3	80		5							
Westerlo,		58	290		5	2	2		2	150		5		25					Westerlo,
2d Ch. Berne,																			East-Berne.
Washington, Gibbonsville,	O. H. Gregory,	110	500		73	7	2		1	255		15	33	50		2			
Coeymans,																			
N. Baltimore.																			Coeymans.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended,	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	363	70	9	11	4	11	416	22	7		38	1	210	180	Schenectady.
Amity,	A. B. Chittenden, S. C.	100	532	140		1	2		3	136	11		20	18	3	82		Visscher's Ferry.
Niskeyuna,	H. A. Raymond,	135	780	230	1	3	9		4	221	14		30	40	3	100		Watervliet Centre.
1st Glenville,*	Vacant,	155	850	125	31	14	3	1		166	5	16		8	7	270		Glenville.
2d Glenville,	A. J. Swits,				22	6					8	5						Schenectady.
1st Rotterdam,†																		West-Rotterdam.
2d Rotterdam,	J. Boyd,	100	527	97	6	2	5	3		97	9	2	36	9	2	50		Rotterdam.
Helderburgh,	J. B. Steele,	102		188	1					189								Guilderland Cent.
Princeton,‡					10	2												Princeton.
Boght,	Vacant,																	Cohoesville

* Report of last year. † Statedly supplied by Rev. J. Nott. ‡ Statedly supplied by W. Ingals.

Ministers without charge—Andrew Yates, D. D., Thomas Romeyn, H. B. Stryker, J. A. Yates, John Nott, R. J. Blair.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Recd On Confession	Communicants. Recd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B.C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B.C. Number in the Bible Class.	S. Schools. Number of Schools.	S. Schools. Number of Scholars.	S. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
Hudson,	G. H. Fisher, S. C.																	Hudson.
Claverack,	Richard Sluyter,																	Claverack.
Ghent and Hillsdale,	P. S. Wynkoop,	100		187	37	7	5	1		225	13	4						Ghent.
Kinderhook,	John C. Vandervoort,			396	13	4	34		4	375	10	1						Kinderhook,
Stuyvesant,	A. N. Kittle,	100	540	106	5	1	3		4	105	9							Stuyvesant.
Schodack,	John Gray,	300	3000	251	4	4	1		2	256	27	1						Schodack Landing.
Nassau,	J. P. Knox,	160	830	220	4	9	6	1	3	223	8							Nassau.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimpson,	250	1525	290	12	1	2		3	296	10	2						Schodack Centre.
Blooming Grove,	Vacant,																	Defriestville.
Mellenville,	Supplied by R. Sluyter and P. S. Wynkoop,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Jacob Sickles, D.D., S. Van Santvoord, Henry Heermance, Peter Van Zandt.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Cohoes,	Wm. Lockhead,				3	4				14		1			1	67	45	Cohoes.
Easton,	A. Bronson,	55	290	70	3	1	2			72	3	1			1			N. Easton, Wash. Co
Fort Miller,	Vacant.	69	345	86	7	22			1	115	7	1			1	70	40	Fort Miller, do. *
Jackson,	Wm. Pitcher,	41	250	54	2				1	55	2		30	50	1	80	50	Battenville.
Northumberland,	Corns. Wyckoff,	50	250	61		2			3	60					2		60	Northumberland. [Co
Saratoga,	Vacant,	66	325	96												60		Schuylerville, Saratoga†
Schagticoke,	H. M. Boyd,	60	300	84					1	83	7							Junction Office, Rens'r
Tyoshoke,	J. H. Pitcher,	56	304	80	12		2			90	1	10						Buskirk's Br. Wash. Co.
Union Village,	B. Van Zandt,	70	250	180	3		3	3	3	174	1	1		25		50	45	Union Village do.
Waterford,	Wm. Lockhead,	58	210		3	2			1	58	3			12	1	50	30	Waterford.
Wynants-kill,	E. Slingerland, S. C.	61	305	44					1	43	8		20		1	60	40	Winants-kill, Renss. co.

* Address L. S. Viele, Esq. P. M. † Address O. Brisbin, M. D., P. M.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Schoharie,	J. M. Scribner,	155	850				2		2	210	15				3	120	100	Schoharie, C. H.
Middleburgh.	Vacant																	Middleburgh.
1st Church, Berne,	R. D. Van Kleeck, S.C.	140	900	144	6	3	2	2	2	147	4	2	43		4	200	175	Berne, Albany co.
Beaverdam,	do	120	720	128		1	2	4		123	8				2	160	120	do
Gilboa,	C. Bogardus,	82	410	100	3		1			102	3							Gilboa.
Conesville,	do				3													Conesville. *
Sharon,	Thomas Frazer,	100					11	1	4	125	20			12	2		60	Gardnersville.
New-Rhinebeck,*																		Lawyersville.
Cobleskill.*																		Cobleskill.
Breakabin,	Vacant,																	Breakabin.
Blenheim,	do																	Blenheim.
Schoharie Mountain,	do																	Punchkill.

* Statedly supplied by the Rev. H. E. Waring.

Ministers without charge—Rev. James E. Quaw, and Elihu Doty, Foreign Missionary.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C. & B.C		S. Schools.			Post-Office Addresses.
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St. Johnsville	A. H. Myers,	150	750	145	40	8	1	2		190	22	5	28	28	1	80	50	St. Johnsville.
Herkimer,	J. Murphy, J. P. Skinner,	200	1200	301	1	0			2	300	18	1	30			100		
Frankfort,	J. Murphy.	50			5	11				45	1							
Mohawk,		40	240							25								
Fort-Plain,	J. P. Pepper,	110		50	24	18	5	1	2	84	14	3			1	160		
Canajoharie,	Vacant,			83	4		15		2	74								
Currytown,	H. Heermance,	108	559		3	4	7		1	104	5							
Mapletown,	do	89	463				2		3	60	4							
Glen,	C. Juks,			33	7	3			1	42	10							
Columbia,	Vacant.	100																
Florida,	J. Stevenson,	140	840	174	2	2	3		5	185	15		30		1			
Stone Arabia,	B. B. Westfall,																	
Ephrata,																		
Bowman's Creek,																		
Caughnawaga,	J. D. Fonda, S. C.	300	1500	174	10		8*		3	173	16				4	170	150	Fonda.
Fultonville,																		
Manheim,	P. Weidman,																	
German Flatts,	J. P. Skinner,																	
Charlestown,																		
Warren,																		
Indian Castle,																		
Union Church,																		

Minister without charge—Rev. A. Van Horne.

* These were dismissed to join the church at Fultonville.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Bloomingdale,	Sup. by A. Fort,																	
Clove,	Vacant.	148	838	103	1		1		1	102	5							High Falls.
Dashville-Falls,	do																	Dashville Falls.
Esopus,	A. Fort.																	Esopus.
Flatbush	G. A. Overbagh and J. Brodhead, D. D.	94	500		9	2				193	20	2	75		2			Saugerties.
Guilford,*	Wm. Brush,	130	780	50	13	7	2	1		68	12	1	75		4			New-Hurley.
Hurley,	Vacant.	78	320	89	2	5	2		2	92	3							Hurley.
Kingston,	John Lillie,	230	1245		5	10	7		3		27	1		45	5	260		Kingston.
Kaatsban,	Vacant,																	
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.	200	1200	128	1	3			3	129	3				3			Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	D. Van Olinda,	225	1300	194	2		1		1	194	24							New-Paltz.
Platekill,	Vacant.																	
Rochester,	J. F. Mesick,	325	1863	241	1	1	4	1	8	230	42	1	71		7	321	278	Accord, Ulster Co.
Saugerties,	H. Ostrander,																	
Shokon,	S. Harlow,																	Caseville, Ulster Co.
Woodstock,	N. Bogardus,																	

Minister without charge—Rev. Hart E. Waring.

* Report for two years.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.	96	460	124	3	3	9			117	10		60		3	145		Walden.
Bloomingburgh,	S. Van Vechten,			184	5	62	3	1		248	10	29						Bloomingburgh.
New Hurley,	F. H. Vanderveer,	200	1200	167		2			6		12					80		New-Hurley.
Montgomery,	Robert P. Lee.	275	460	124	3	3	16	1	5	435	39	4	180	160				Montgomery.
Shawangunk,	J. H. Bevier,	220	1300	154		1			2				130	100	6	259	200	Bruynswick.
New Prospect,	J. T. Demerest,	94			1	1		1	3		9		59	20				Ulsterville.
Warwarsing,	J. W. Ward, S. S.																	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh,	Vacant.																	Woodbourne.
Deerpark,	C. C. Eltinge,				1	4	2	1	3	129	4				1			Port Jarvis,
Minisink,	S. B. Ayres,	110				2	4	1	1	126		2						Montque, Sussex Co.
Wallpach,	J. B. Hyndshaw,	250	1500	185	1		7		3	176	13		58		3	90	30	Bushkill, Pike Co.
Newburgh,	Vacant.																	Newburgh.
Walden,	Vacant.																	Walden.
Wurtsborough,	Vacant.																	Wurtsborough.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Catskill,	J. Romeyn,										15	1						Catskill,
Leeds and Kiskatom,	B. Hoff, S. C.	100	450		2	9	1		1		15	1	20		2	100	80	Leeds.
1st Coxsackie,	J. Searle,	170	955		3	2	8		6	297	25	9						Coxsackie.
2d Coxsackie,	W. Cahoone, Jr.	60	300	97	16	1	4			98	16	2						Coxsackie.
Athens,	J. Wynkoop,	110	500	250	4	1	5	3		250					2			Athens.
Prattsville,	T. B. Gregory,	170	850	160	3	5	2	1	2	155	11				1	45	40	Prattsville.
Roxbury,	R. W. Knight,	47								60	1				1	30		Roxbury.
Mooresville,																		

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA—No report.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported and their report was accepted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report—

1. From the minutes of last General Synod there does not appear to be any unfinished business claiming the attention of this body.

2. From inspecting the Minutes of the two Particular Synods of New-York and Albany, it is gratifying to remark, that there is not one single case of appeal to be prosecuted before this court, and your committee cannot but consider it as strongly indicative of the peace, as well as purity of our church.

3. From both the Particular Synods there is a cordial recommendation of the application for aiding the church at Buffalo.

2. A reference from the Classis of Bergen, on the "subject of the baptism of illegitimate children"—page 21.

3. From Classis of Long Island, requesting this Synod to adopt some arrangement by which the students of theology shall be more closely connected with the classes to which they belong.

4. From the Classis of Poughkeepsie, a wish that this Synod should devise some uniform system of Sabbath school instruction, in the churches under their care—page 21.

5. From the Classis of Schoharie, requesting this Synod to make some arrangement, whereby those ministers who cannot afford to pay twenty dollars per annum, for five years, may still have an interest in the Widows' Fund.

6. From the Classis of Ulster, a request that this Synod form a tract society, to be called the Tract Society of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, to be under the immediate supervision of General Synod, whose object shall be, to provide and issue such religious publications as are demanded by the state of the church, on the various topics of its doctrines, history, and government.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. KITTLE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the church at Buffalo, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

In relation to the reference of the Classis of Bergen, on the subject of Baptism—*Resolved*, That the reference be dismissed, as General Synod has settled the practice of the church, in their session of 1804, page 6, to which the Classis of Bergen is referred.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of a closer connexion of the students of theology, with the respective classes, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of Sabbath schools, be referred to the committee to whom was referred the communication from the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the Widows' Fund, be referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the establishment of a Tract Society, be laid on the table.

The Committee on Overtures reported that nothing had come before them claiming the attention of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

The following report was received from the committee to whom was referred certain resolutions relative to the powers of commissioners from lower courts, and who were instructed to report an order of proceedings to be observed in all judicial business, which was accepted and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred certain resolutions proposed to the last General Synod, relative to the appointment and powers of commissioners from inferior judicatories, in cases of appeal, and who were instructed to report a course of proceedings to be observed in all judicial business, would respectfully recommend, that the following regulations be adopted by the Synod on this subject.

1. Any appeal, complaint, or other judicial business, which shall be presented or reported to the Synod, shall be first referred, with all the papers and documents appertaining thereto, to the Committee on Overtures, (which committee shall hereafter be entitled the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business,) who shall inquire whether the same has been regularly brought before the Synod, and whether all the constitutional steps in the case have been taken; and if the same shall be found in order, they shall digest and arrange all the papers and documents connected therewith, that the subsequent proceedings in the case before the Synod may be regular and systematic: Provided, nevertheless, that the said committee shall be required to report upon every matter which may be referred to them.

2. Whenever any case, thus reported, shall be taken up for trial, the President shall solemnly announce from the chair, that the Synod is about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business, and enjoin on the members to recollect and regard their character as judges of the highest court of Jesus Christ on earth, known to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church; after which it shall not be in order during the pending of such trial, to transact any legislative business bearing on the case.

3. In recording their decision, it shall be the duty of the court who have tried any judicial business in the original case, or by appeal, to set forth at length the reasons thereof; that the record may exhibit as far as practicable every thing that had an influence on their judgment; a certified copy of which, with the act or proceeding appealed from, shall be sent up by them to the court to whom the appeal may be taken. Such inferior court shall also be permitted

to send a commissioner to the Synod, for the purpose of making any explanations relative to said case, that may be required: it being expressly understood, that in every case the original parties be not lost sight of in any stage of trial.

4. In taking up an appeal, after having ascertained that the appellant has conducted it regularly, the following shall be the order of trial.

1. The sentence appealed from shall be read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal shall be read.
3. All the documents in the case shall be read, in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.
4. The original parties shall be heard, commencing with the appellant.
5. The commissioner of the inferior judicatory which has tried the appeal, may be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, and of the manner of their proceeding in the case.
6. The appellant may be heard in reply.

5. After all the parties shall have been fully heard, and all the information gained by the Synod which shall be deemed necessary, the parties shall withdraw, when the roll shall be called, that every member may have an opportunity to express his opinion on the case, after which the final vote shall be taken.

6. The decision may be either to confirm or reverse, in whole or in part, the judgment of the inferior judicatory, or to remit the cause with instructions, or for a new trial.

7. In the trial of all judicial business brought before the Synod, by complaint or reference, the same order of proceedings shall be observed, as far as practicable, as in cases of appeal: but no complaint shall be entertained unless notice of the same shall have been given before the rising of the judicatory, whose act is complained of, or within ten days thereafter.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STRONG, *Chairman.*

Certain resolutions were presented relative to the organization of the Particular Synods, which were on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted by Synod.

Whereas, at page 58, of the Minutes of the Synod of 1837, certain acts are recorded "for preserving the church from the introduction of unsound doctrine," which acts are supposed to be in some respects obscure and conflicting in their import, and to interfere with the free action of the several classes; therefore, in place of resolutions 3, 4, and 6, be it *Resolved*, that no licentiate or ordained minister, from any body in the United States not having a definite correspondence with this Synod, on this subject, shall be received into any classis, until, either by documentary evidence or examination, they shall have become fully satisfied of his competent literary qualifications; nor until upon examination, in the presence of a deputatus, they shall become also satisfied of his competent theological attainments, his piety, soundness in the faith and ability to teach, and shall have received his entire assent to the standards of our church, as to doctrine and discipline.

Resolved, also, That, if any candidate or minister, applying for admission into any classis, shall, in the judgment of classis, have sought and obtained licensure or ordination from any ecclesiastical organization, for the sake of an easier admission into our church than upon the strict terms enjoined upon our own students at New-Brunswick, it shall be considered a disqualification, to be removed only by a dispensation from the General Synod.

The *ayes* and *nays* upon the adoption of the first resolution having been called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

J. E. Miller,	A. Fort,
C. D. Westbrook,	B. A. Newkirk,
J. D. Keese,	J. P. Knox,
A. A. Beckman,	A. N. Kittle,

J. H. Duryea,
T. M. Strong,
S. Mitchell,
P. Labagh,
G. W. Bethune,
A. O. Halsey,
J. Peters,
S. Van Arsdale,
J. W. Hangen,
J. C. Elmendorf,
I. N. Wyckoff,
T. E. Vermilye,
W. N. Sill,
S. Van Rensselaer,
J. Gray,
J. J. Kittle,
I. Hutton,
B. Van Zandt,
J. Southworth,
J. Murphy,
A. I. Smits,
A. B. Chittenden,
J. Sanders,
W. Cahoone,
W. D. Kirtland,
W. R. Gordon,
S. Allen—35.

NAYS.

S. A. Van Vranken,
A. Van Nest,
J. W. Duryea,
C. P. Wack,
C. L. Hardenbergh,
B. C. Taylor,
H. Traphagen,
P. I. Quick,
J. Schoonmaker,
T. Snediker,
J. F. Mesick,
C. Wyckoff,
T. Swart,
J. D. Fonda,
J. V. S. Riley
J. B. Ten Eyck,
W. Houston,
B. Hoff,
J. Beattie—19.

The Rev. John Garrison, John Lillie, and B. B. Westfall, and the Elder P. D. Vroom, were excused from voting.

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the several classes, to require of the ministers under their care, without charges, to render an account, annually, at their ordinary session next preceding the meeting of General Synod, of the manner in which they have been employed the preceding year, in order that their doings may more immediately come under the review of classis.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The following communication was received from the Board of the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., Jacob C. Sears, and Peter Labagh. and the Elders John D. Keese and James Van Blarcom.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church respectfully present to your reverend body the following resolutions, adopted by this society at its annual meeting, held in the city of New-York, May 22d, 1839.

Resolved, That this society, being fully convinced by experience, that the conducting of Sabbath schools is materially aided, by being under the direct control of the duly appointed officers of the house of God, and being desirous that the highest judicatory of the Reformed Dutch Church should extend its fostering care to this important branch of Christian instruction, and let the weight of its ecclesiastical influence herein be felt. throughout all our churches ; this union would earnestly solicit the careful attention of Synod, to the important subject of establishing a board which shall conduct the business of superintending these great interests.

And, further, That the instruction of our children, in the catechisms of our church, being admitted to be of vital importance to their spiritual welfare, that, should the Synod, in its wisdom, enter upon this plan of Sabbath school instruction, which has for eleven years been carried out with the happiest success, under the blessing of God, then this Union will dissolve, and desire all the schools under its care, to place themselves under the care of the Board established by Synod.

And, further, That the principles of action, so long pursued by this Union, being embodied in the annual report of the same, said report be transmitted to the Synod for their examination.

W. C. BROWNLEE, *President.*

JAMES ANDERSON, M. D., *Secretary.*

The committee reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church; and the resolution sent up from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, on the subject of Sabbath school instruction, beg leave to report—

That having given a careful attention to this communication of the Sabbath School Union, and having compared their principles, and the objects which they profess to follow out, with the resolutions passed by the General Synod on the same subject in 1830, your committee have discovered a striking harmony between them. The resolutions alluded to are on page 278, vol. 3, of the Synodical Minutes; and are as follows:

"*Resolved*, 1. That it be recommended to the several ministers and consistories of our church, where it is not already the case, to take the school or schools, formed of teachers and scholars belonging to their churches and congregations, under their oversight and care.

"2. That while this Synod do highly appreciate the value of 'Bible Questions,' yet it be recommended to the consistories and superintendents of Sabbath schools in the Reformed Dutch Church,

to introduce into their schools, where it is not already the case, the standard catechisms of our church, or such others as are approved by the church ; provided such use of catechisms in Sabbath schools be not permitted to interfere with, or take the place of, the regular weekly catechetical instruction by the pastor."

Thus the General Synod has decidedly professed its readiness to take Sabbath school instruction under its own care. Now, this Sabbath school Union respectfully approaches you and says, that " it is fully convinced by experience, that the conducting of Sabbath schools is materially aided by being under the direct control of the duly appointed officers of the church of God ; and are desirous that the highest judicatory of the Reformed Dutch Church should extend its fostering care to this important branch of Christian instruction ; and allow the weight of its ecclesiastical influence to be felt in its favor through all our churches."

They moreover respectfully ask " the attention of this Synod to the subject of establishing a Synodical Board, which shall conduct the business of superintending and regulating these great interests." And, finally, " they beg leave to say, that should the Synod, in its wisdom, appoint a board, to be entitled the Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, to conduct Sabbath school instruction according to the above resolutions of the Synod of 1830, the said Sunday School Union will forthwith dissolve, and commit the entire business to the Synod's Board ; and will desire all the schools under their care to place themselves under the supervision of the Synod's Board."

The General Synod having thus expressed its readiness and anxiety to watch over Sabbath school instruction ; and the Sabbath school Union having thus placed itself over in the hands of the Synod, your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod, in accordance with the spirit of the General Synod's resolution of 1830, will henceforth take the supervision of Sabbath school operations under its own peculiar oversight and care.

Resolved, 2. That the Synod shall appoint a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be, to superintend Sabbath school operations, according to a plan hereafter to be adopted by the Synod; which board will be called the General Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod recommend to all the ministers and consistories of our churches, to request their respective Sabbath schools to place themselves under the Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union, in order that the purity and uniformity of Sabbath school instruction may be successfully maintained throughout all our churches.

Resolved, 4. That this Board of the Synod's Sabbath School Union be auxiliary to the American Sabbath School Union.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and Abraham O. Halsey, and the Elders, Peter D. Vroom and Abraham Beekman, be a committee to draft a plan for the Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, contemplated in the above report.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a plan for the Board of Managers of the General Synod's S. S. Union would respectfully report the following:

Art. 1. The Board to be called the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Auxiliary to the American Sunday School Union; and shall consist of twenty-four managers, of whom, one-half at least, and not more than two-thirds, shall reside in the city of New-York, and the residue shall be appointed from the other parts of the church.

Art. 2. The Board shall be chosen by ballot, by the General Synod. One-third of the managers shall be elected by the Synod annually, so that the whole body shall be renewed once in three

years. The said Board shall have power to elect their own officers annually.

Art. 3. The Board shall hold regular meetings in the city of New-York, at least four times in the year, on their own appointment; and seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, according to by-laws of their own enactment.

Art. 4. The powers of the Board over the several schools of the Union, shall be advisory simply, and exercised in concert with the pastors and consistories. In connexion with the Bible questions of the American Sabbath School Union, they shall endeavor to promote instruction in the schools, in the principles of divine truth, as they are exhibited in the catechisms, and other standards adopted by the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church and the Westminster Assembly. It shall, besides, be their duty to collect from the pastors and consistories, information on the state of the several schools; which shall be embodied in an annual report, to be presented to General Synod at their annual meetings. And they shall also report annually to the American S. S. Union.

Art. 5. The funds of this Union shall be raised by subscriptions, donations, and collections in the churches, and placed in the hands of a treasurer appointed by the Board.

Art. 6. The Board shall employ so much of the funds, thus collected, as may be needed in the efficient support of our own schools; and the residue, it shall be their duty to pay over annually to the treasurer of the American S. S. Union, to be employed by them in the promotion of the general object of Sabbath school instruction.

Art. 7. The treasurer shall take the charge of all moneys transmitted to him; pay all demands, under the direction of the Board; and render an annual report, for the inspection of General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the numbers of persons from whom to elect the Board of Sabbath School Union, Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the votes,

it appeared that the following were chosen, viz :—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, George W. Bethune, D. D., William C. Brownlee, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell, Isaac Ferris, D. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., John Knox, D. D., Nicholas I. Marselus, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., Thomas M. Strong, Benjamin C. Taylor, Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., and Messrs. Valentine Vandewater, James Anderson, John I. Brouwer, Martin W. Brett, Thomas Earle, James Forrester, Bauman Lowe, James D. Oliver, Charles H. Little, Charles Van Wyck, William Patterson Van Rensselaer, and Peter D. Vroom.

Resolved, That the General Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union now appointed, be directed to meet in the city of New-York, in the Consistory Room, corner of Nassau and Ann streets, on the first Wednesday of July next, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of being duly organized. And that they then proceed to divide themselves into three classes, to serve respectively, one, two, and three years.

The following report was received from the Board of Education of the Synod, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church respectfully report to the General Synod, that the following scholarships have been endowed, and are now productive, viz :

1. The Van Rensselaer. 2. Rutgers. 3. William Patterson Van Rensselaer. 4. Cornell. 5. Wyckoff. 6. Hyer. 7. Margaret Burgess. 8. John Clark. 9. Isaac L. Kipp. 10. James Bogert, Jr. 11. Tannika Turk. This last scholarship has been endowed during the last year, by the payment of $1,700, by Miss. Anna Turk.

The following report from their treasurer, on the subject of the Stryker Scholarship was received, and the measures recommended were unanimously adopted by the Board.

That since the Act of the General Synod, authorizing the Board to appropriate in certain cases the sum of $120 to beneficiaries, the expenses attending a residence in New-Brunswick have so increased, that but few of them can subsist on a less amount than this, and consequently this maximum amount has in many cases been already allowed by the Board.

It will be remembered that the two scholarships first endowed, were those which the honored and lamented Stephen Van Rensselaer established by the payment of $1,500 each. The allowance to beneficiaries was then but $90, being six per cent. on the amount of a scholarship; soon after their endowment, the appropriation was raised to $100, and in order to make the scholarships equal to the production of this amount, they were fixed at $1,700. In the interim however, by the bequest of the honored and lamented Col. Henry Rutgers, a scholarship had been endowed, and the sum of $1,582 50, was received from his executor.

The Board resolved to place the amount of these three scholarships at interest, and not to make use of the annual income from them, but suffer it to accumulate until each should amount to $1,700.

On the 21st of May, 1835, these three scholarships were placed in the hands of the treasurer of the General Synod, by the payment of $5,000, being $1,700 each.

By the will of Peter Stryker, Esq. of Flatbush, forty-seven shares of stock in the Farmers' Fire Insurance and Loan Company, were devised to the Board for the endowment of a scholarship, to be called the Cornell Scholarship.

These shares produced, with dividends received upon them up to the time of sale, the sum of $3,109 27; of this sum, $1,700 were paid to the treasurer of the General Synod as the principal of the Cornell Scholarship, and by a resolution of the Board, the balance of $1,409 27, was placed at interest, so to be kept until it should amount to $1,700, and was then to form the endowment of a scholarship to be called after the benevolent testator, "The Stryker Scholarship." The treasurer reports that this now amounts to $1721 63.

It is deemed desirable that these scholarships be increased to the sum of $2,000, which at six per cent. will produce the sum of $120, now allowed as the maximum appropriation to beneficiaries.

The treasurer respectfully recommends the following plan to effect this desirable object.

The present income of the Board from the interest on the scholarships, from donations and contributions of churches and individuals, appears to be adequate to the ordinary appropriations. We

have proceeded for the last several years without serious embarrassment, without expending the interest arising from the sum set apart for the Stryker Scholarship, and it is believed that the Board can still go on without it. An opportunity now presents itself for loaning this amount for two years and a half, on ample security, at seven per cent. which will make the amount at the end of that period, a little more than $2,000. The treasurer therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the treasurer be authorized to loan the amount belonging to the contemplated Stryker Scholarship, for two and a half years, at seven per cent. on good security.

Resolved, That when this term shall expire, the sum of $300 be paid to the treasurer of the General Synod, to be by him added to the Cornell Scholarship, making the same then amount to $2000; thus carrying out completely the design of the testator, in the full endowment of the Cornell Scholarship. And that the amount which will then remain of the Stryker Scholarship, be reinvested until it shall amount to a like sum of $2000, for its full endowment.

It will be seen, that, by this plan, in about five years, these two scholarships can be raised to what ought hereafter to be considered the standard sum.

And, as it is exceedingly desirable that all the scholarships be placed on this footing, the Board will be enabled, after these two are completed, and their income both available, to set apart the income of the Van Rensselaer Scholarship, until, by the same process, it shall increase its own principal, and that of the William Patterson Van Rensselaer Scholarship, to the proper grade. The Rutgers can then follow in the same course, and thus, all, in time, be established without inconvenience.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. D. KEESE.

The list of beneficiaries has been enlarged during the past year, by the addition of fourteen names. The Board have been compelled to strike off the name of one for improper conduct, and three

have voluntarily abandoned the design of preparing themselves for the ministry of the gospel, so that the number now under our care is forty-eight.

The amount of receipts, during the year past, including a balance at its beginning, is $4035 16

Payments have been made amounting to 3729 55

Leaving a balance in the treasury of $305 61

There is one subject which the Board would desire to commend to the notice of the General Synod. They were informed, that one of the young men under our care was not only receiving our usual appropriation, but was also under the especial care of one of the congregations of our church, who were granting to him a similar appropriation; and a communication has lately been received by the Corresponding Secretary, stating that this is not a solitary instance; that there are others who are enjoying the same advantages.

Now, while we are anxious that all the churches should each feel it to be their duty to educate at least one young man, if not more than one; and while we rejoice that some of them have assumed such a responsibility, we think it desirable, for a number of reasons, that the General Synod should be their agent. The Board would therefore respectfully suggest, the passing of a resolution, recommending to the churches, to allow their charities to flow through the Board of Education, appointed by the Synod. By so doing, the whole amount given by the church to this object, will be known. Our beneficiaries will all be placed on an equality, and the unanimity of feeling enjoyed by our church in all her benevolent enterprizes, will be made as apparent as we believe it to be real.

Your Board, during the past year, have suffered severely under the hand of death. In the loss of our revered President, Stephen Van Rensselaer, and in the early withering of our beloved brother Hunt, we had almost said before his time, we are assured of the sympathies of the whole church, when we say—we have felt these dispensations of Providence, and have mourned.

The term of service for which the following members of the Board were chosen, now expires, viz: Thomas De Witt, D. D., C. Hunt, and Peter D. Vroom.

The place of Stephen Van Rensselaer, so sadly vacated, should also be supplied. His term of service would have expired in 1840.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. HUTTON, *Cor. Sec.*

New-York, June 3, 1839.

A report was received from the treasurer of the Board of Education, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected:—Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D., Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D., and Peter D. Vroom.

Stephen Van Rensselaer was chosen for one year, in the place of the Rev. Christopher Hunt, deceased.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave to report:

Your committee have been deeply impressed with a sense of the great importance of the subject entrusted to them; and they have given it their earnest consideration. Few objects are more intimately connected with the existence and prosperity of our church than the subject of education. It presents to us *two* equally important topics: *First*, the best means of increasing the number of our ministry. *Second:* the best method of bringing forward a well-educated, as well as pious and devoted ministry, into our church; and the necessity of doing this as promptly as possible.

Few of our wealthy youth can be constrained into the self-denying office of the ministry. Hence, on the one hand, as long as our flourishing country holds out so numerous and such fascinating prospects, in the various openings of business and profession, to our ingenuous and literary youth; and, so long, on the other hand, as we find mainly within the humble walks of life, many of the choicest spirits, adorned with brilliant talents, and blessed with zeal and godliness: so long will it devolve on our Education Society, to seek

out those youth who are poor in every thing but invaluable talents, and rich grace ; and sustain them in their studies for the holy ministry. And, so long as the church of Christ does feel, and does act as she ought to do, in laboring to increase the number of the ministry, and send forth an able, well-educated, and pious ministry, to gather home her outcasts, so long must she, and her saints within her, sustain our Education Societies ; or prove recreant in the holiest of causes ; and wound Christ in the house of his friends !

An increase of a well-educated, pious ministry, is urgently demanded. Our fathers, and even some of our young brethren, are dropping off, on the right hand and the left. And, besides the demand for filling up vacancies, there are new demands made for the most interesting fields, opening annually to us. These fields, ripening to harvest, are vast ; and constantly increasing. From the interior of our old states, and from the far and great West, the Macedonian cry comes, sounding urgently and most piteously on our ears, " Come over and help us." Whence, in these circumstances, can the *number* of the ministry be increased, but by the untiring labors of the Education Society ? And what can this faithful and active Board of the Synod do, unless they be better sustained by all our churches than they ever have hitherto been ?

Year after year has the Synod passed recommendations, urging this all-important cause on the attention of our ministers and churches. From year to year, we rejoice to see that these urgent recommendations have been responded, with a gradually increasing attention. If we mistake not, this subject is rising, continually, in the estimation of our churches.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend it to this Synod, to renew, with increasing urgency, the recommendation of the education cause to every one of our churches. By constantly renewing the appeal, we shall, by the favor of God, rouse all the churches to their duty at last. And the consideration of the Board having now no less than forty-eight promising beneficiaries, ought to awaken the spirit of a noble and more generous liberality in the bosom of every lover of Christ and his holy cause !

In addition to the *ten* scholarships reported last year, we have the pleasure of recording *two* more, endowed during the year just expired. The *eleventh* is the "Tannake Turk Scholarship," endowed by the payment of $1700, by Miss Anna Turk. The *twelfth* is the "Richard Cadmus Scholarship," announced to us since the report of the Board of Education was made to this Synod. This has been liberally endowed, by a bequest of $2000, by the late Richard Cadmus, Esq., an elder of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen Point, New-Jersey. Here is a truly Christianlike example set before the wealthy friends of our church, who love the God and the church of their fathers. By the sum of $2000 can a Christian cause a perennial stream of charity to flow onward for ages after he has withered in the grave. By this endowment, can a lover of God, be the blessed instrument of sending out a succession of pious ministers for centuries after his death! Who can calculate the immense amount of good, which, under the grace of the Holy Ghost, can thus be done, by thus raising up a long and faithful succession of ministers in the Lord's vineyard! We cannot, therefore, too earnestly solicit the attention and good will of all our Christian friends, and dear brethren, to these examples of generous bequests; and in Christ's name and cause, we would affectionately and earnestly say, to all to whom God has given the ample means, "Go thou and do likewise!" Contemplate the delightful thought and glorious anticipation, that, after you are dead and gone, you may be greeted in heaven, in the presence of your Redeemer, by precious souls, the newly arrived from earth, who have been converted by the devoted Christian ministers, sent out, in God's providence, by your bequest; while they and you will rejoice together in heaven, and magnify redeeming love for ever; and crown your Redeemer Lord of all!

We hope that the suggestion of the Board, so prominently presented in their report, will be duly impressed on all the associations of the churches; namely, that instead of giving their benefactions to individual students, they will make the Board the exclusive almoners of their bounty. But, at any rate, if they choose their own object of benefaction, we should rejoice to see each church sustain-

ing at least one; and let it be distinctly understood, that he is NOT to draw also, at the same time, on the funds of the Board of Education. And, where churches do support their own beneficiaries, your committee would suggest that the Synod enjoin it upon those churches to report their proceedings to the Board of Education, that it may be laid before the Synod, and the churches, in their annual report.

Much has been said, and several theories projected, during the last two years, as to the best method of increasing the funds of this Board. One thing is certain, for it seems to be confessed by all, that the present method has been quite inefficient. And again would we repeat earnestly, that something much more efficient must be done, than what has been hitherto done. One method suggested, is this,—that the General Synod appoint their general agent to plead the missionary and education cause. If this could be done unanimously, or nearly so, it would be, in your committee's judgment, decidedly the best and most efficient method. But, if the prejudice against agencies be still too strong to be removed; or if it cannot be done harmoniously, we would not press it.

Another plan suggested, is to leave it to the two Boards to select their own method of collecting funds. But, whatever method the Synod may, in its wisdom, adopt, this would we respectfully urge on them, that something must be promptly, efficiently done, to increase the funds of the Board. Are we not too timerous? Ought we not "to devise great things," and "attempt great things," and cast ourselves humbly and boldly, in faith, ever on our Master, Christ, and the resources of his church? Ought we not to increase the number of beneficiaries, by deliberately accepting of every pious and talented youth whom the Master presents to us in his providence? Then, let every minister proclaim to his beloved people, that the family circle of God's sons of the prophets, being greatly increased, the churches must bring in of their substance, to sustain the increasing family of the sons of the prophets. We feel assured, that when the churches witness our zeal and earnestness, and see our increasing flocks of youth training up for the ministry, they will not—they cannot—fail to respond cordially to our appeals.

Let us make the renewed experiment, and leave, in strong faith and confidence, the issue with our covenant God in Christ.

Meantime, we would recommend to the Synod the resolution, that each of our ministers be requested to seek out pious and talented youth, with a view that they be presented, first to the sustaining patronage of their own churches, respectively; and then to the Board of Education, as candidates for admission as beneficiaries. We feel a strong confidence, that that blessed and faithful One, who never sends a human being into our world, without an accompanying liberal portion of food and raiment, will raise up means ample enough to train up for the holy ministry, every pious and talented youth whom he offers to our acceptance, in his kind and watchful providence, over Zion.

We would finally recommend to the Synod to approve the zeal and ingenuity of the Board, in the method they have taken to raise the scholarships, each to the sum of $2000; and farther, to recommend it to them, to proceed in the same way, to increase all the other scholarships to that amount. Because, all things considered, $120 per annum is as moderate a sum as can be given to make our beneficiaries comfortable, while engaged in their arduous preparations for the ministry.

In a word, on a review of the past year, we have much reason to rear our Ebenezer, with grateful hearts, while we say, hitherto has our covenant God helped us! And, therefore, we will proceed in the good work with increasing zeal and confidence, and renewed activity. God has been with our fathers and his church, in all ages; he has given us the pledge of his abiding presence, and the glory of defence. "Lo! I am with you alway, to the end of the world." And, in return, as she moves forward over the wilderness of time, under the pillar and the cloud of Jehovah's love and permanent protection, she alone, of all kingdoms and societies can say, "Lord! thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations!" And hence, He who has kept us a constant succession of pastors and teachers, and members in his house, will sustain us and increase us and ours, with men like a flock. Wherefore, "ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest;

till he establish, and make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." "For thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ask me of things to come, concerning my sons; and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me," saith the Lord.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Peter Labagh, and Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., and the Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer and Isaac Hutton.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College respectfully submit to General Synod the following report:

From a communication made to them by the faculty of the College, they learn, that "the highest number of students connected with the College during the current year has been *seventy-eight;* that the number now enrolled is *sixty-nine;* making a difference of nine; of whom, five, under discipline, have been dismissed; one died, and three, at the request of their guardians, have retired from the institution. The faculty have strenuously endeavored to guard the good order and morals of the College, preferring the diminution of its numbers, to the sufferance of such, whose continuance with us would either disappoint the expectation of their friends, or corrupt their associates. They have more especially considered it as their sacred duty to arrest the course of such young men as, professing to have a view to the gospel ministry, and supported by the contributions of the church, have not given hope that the object of their education would be realized. They are sorry to be obliged to say, that several instances of this description have occurred during the past year. The discipline to which they have

been compelled to resort, though painful in its exercise, has, they have reason to believe, been attended with most salutary effects. Never, perhaps, since the revival of the College, have our students exhibited more serious attention to their duties, more respect for their instructors, or a greater share of good will towards each other. This good disposition has probably been increased by the recent removal, by death, of several hopeful young persons, children of our professors; and especially by the death of John Cannon, son of professor Cannon, late member of the senior class, and a youth of distinguished promise.

It has pleased God, in his inscrutable providence, to lay his afflicting hand heavily upon our venerable associate, Dr. Cannon. By severe indisposition, during which his longer continuance with us was for some time extremely doubtful, Dr. Cannon has been prevented through a part of the last, as well as the present session, from attending to the duties of his station. He has seen, in turn, almost every member of his family, prostrate with disease; and has been called to mourn three of his children taken from him in succession, in the full vigor of their age and strength. Under all these bereavements, our venerable friend has been divinely supported. We rejoice to add, that his family is now convalescent, and that he himself has been enabled to re-enter upon his professional duties.

As the present wants of the College, and filling up of professorships, have been recently discussed in the Board of Trustees; as this faculty have respectfully submitted to them their views, and measures have been taken to bring the whole subject before General Synod, it is now deemed unnecessary to enlarge upon what has already been communicated. We have only to add our conviction, that immediate and decisive measures should be taken, by the collection of funds throughout the Reformed Dutch Church, amply to endow the institution, and permanently to establish in it such professorships as are usually found in other colleges and universities. By the increase of its means, and the cheering influence of the clergy and other members of the churches, the same effects will be produced which are occurring in other institutions, by the fostering

care of the denominations by which they are sustained. By the prosperity, under God, that will follow, it will reflect increased honor upon the church with which it is connected, and will be made still more useful than it has already been, in advancing the cause of literature and science; and, above all, in promoting the best interests of true religion and of sound morality."

The Board of Superintendents have nothing to remark in addition to the above statements contained in the report made to them by the faculty, except to declare their cordial acquiescence in them, and approval of them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX,
ABR'M VAN NEST,
C. L. HARDENBERGH,
SAMUEL B. HOW,
CHAS. SMITH,
JAS. B. HARDENBERGH.

June 3, 1839.

The following report was received from the treasurer of Rutgers College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The following young men have received aid from the interest arising from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, from 1st April, 1838, to 1st April, 1839:

Van Benschoten Fund.

J. Watson,	$147
A. C. Milspaugh,	200
A. Elmendorf,	150
W. E. Turner,	150
F. T. Drake,	200
C. Spalding,	150
G. M'P. Myer,	150
E. Whitaker,	60
E. Vedder,	30
	$1,234

Knox Fund.

R. Willis, ...	$120
A. B. Winfield, ...	120
	$240

Each at the rate of $120 per annum except Milspaugh and Drake, who received each $50 extra, per order of the Trustees.

The amount of the above funds, the balances, and the interest due 1st May, I have rendered to Isaac Young, treasurer of General Synod, which information I presume he will communicate.

There are at this time ten young men on the funds: one of their number will leave here at commencement. Mr. Whitaker left here last fall.

I have received from the following churches, collected for the benefit of Rutgers College,

New-Brunswick, ...	$26 00
Tompkinsville, ...	7 02
Jamaica, ...	21 75
———, Rev. Mr. Raymond, . .	5 50
Middle Dutch, New-York, . . .	61 03
North " " . . .	37 10
Ninth street, " . . .	50 00
	$208 40

P. SPADER, *Treasurer.*

New-Brunswick, June 3, 1839.

An extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, relative to the affairs of the College, was received and read, which was referred to the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, and the communication from the Board of Trustees of the College, reported, and their report

was accepted, and Synod proceeded to the consideration of it. During the discussion upon the subject of this report, an extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College was presented, certifying the appointment of the Rev. J. J. Janeway, D. D., Samuel B. How, D. D., James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., and Cornelius L. Hardenbergh, Esq., a commission to attend to the general interests of the Board, before the Synod. Whereupon it was—*Resolved*, That the above-named commissioners from the Board of Trustees be heard.

The commissioners from the Trustees having been heard, and the subject discussed at length, the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Superintendents, and the communication of the Trustees of Rutgers College, respectfully submit the following report:

In the judgment of the committee, the College is to be regarded as the child of the church, and fully entitled to the parental care of the Synod. The fact that the great majority of the theological students of our seminary is from among her alumni, proves that the College is a necessary part of the system for the education of our ministry.

Yet, it appears from the papers submitted to the committee, that this child is far from enjoying vigorous health. The number of students is but *sixty-nine*, being twenty less than was reported four years ago. How many of this number are beneficiaries the committee are not informed, but suppose the number cannot fall much short of a moiety. As a necessary consequence of the small number of pay students, the institution is embarrassed for want of funds.

The communication of the Trustees assigns the deficiency in the corps of instructors as the principal cause of the embarrassment which is experienced. While the committee would not be insensible to the influence of a cause like this, they cannot withhold the expression of their conviction, that there may be other causes that have contributed to produce the embarrassments alluded to.

It is within the knowledge of many members of this Synod, that the present organization of the College was regarded, from the beginning, by those through whose influence and exertions her revival was effected, as but introductory to a more extended plan of operations. The intimate connexion between the seminary and the College was the result of necessity, and was never viewed as adapted to the prolonged prosperity of the institution. The feeling under which the revival was effected, was powerful, and its influence was relied upon to bear the institution along to that point at which an ability would be created so to modify the connexion between the two institutions, that an efficient and responsible literary faculty might be established, with which the professors in the theological department should have no other connexion than that which would result from their being partially engaged in teaching the same individuals, without being members of the faculty. Up to the year 1835, the prosperous state of the institution answered all that had been anticipated for the first period of its revived existence, and had the separation originally contemplated, been effected at that time, no reason is perceived why the higher hopes that had been conceived should not have been realized. But, by this time, the impulse which had borne the institution along had lost its power, and the consequences of the inherent tendencies of the present organization, were henceforth to be realized ; the result, notwithstanding a revival of religion to retard it, is the state we see.

There is another consideration regarded by the committee as worthy of profound consideration in deliberating on the affairs of the College. It is a matter of notoriety, that some two or three years since, an attempt was made to rally the alumni of the institution, to make an exertion to raise funds in her behalf. The total failure of the attempt is a melancholy commentary upon the effects produced, by the present system, upon a class of men, without whose favor no college can succeed, and for which no legislation whatever can furnish a substitute. The influence which is to sustain an institution must proceed from within her own walls.

The question presents itself, can any thing be done to revive and strengthen an interest so dear to the whole church? The plan pro-

posed by the Trustees, in the judgment of this committee, is wholly inadequate. It is as follows:

"1st. That it be resolved by the Trustees, that the entire time and services of the Professor of Chemistry shall be secured to the College with all practicable expedition; in which case, the experimental part of Natural Philosophy might be assigned to this department, for the relief of the Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

"2d. That the department of Rhetoric, (including the instruction of the sophomores in Blair, and of the two upper classes in rhetoric and composition) be assigned to the Professor of Languages, who would then be Professor of Languages and Rhetoric.

"3d. That to compensate the Professor of Languages and Rhetoric, for this additional duty, a tutor in the Department of Languages and Rhetoric be appointed, to teach the sophomore and freshman classes in Latin, Greek, Logic, and composition, at a salary sufficient to secure the exclusive attention of a respectable teacher, say $750."

This plan leaves the connexion between the two institutions in all its force, to work out all its consequences. The case clearly demands a reorganization of the faculty; and the repeated and formal declarations of the venerable President of the institution, that the acceptance of his resignation, which he is ready to offer, would afford him the greatest pleasure, removes all restraint from the committee, in the full expression of their views. As he considers the labors belonging to the theological department, as they undoubtedly are, sufficient to occupy the time of the most diligent individual, to insist upon his remaining at the head of the literary institution, would comport as little with gratitude to him as with a just regard to the welfare of the institution.

Instead of the modification proposed by the Trustees, if the Synod were to recommend, and the Trustees were to adopt, something like the following, this committee is not without hope, that a new impulse would be given to the institution, and that every demand created by it upon the liberality of the church, would be promptly met. They are not sure that such a revival of confidence

would not ensue as to render the demand upon the church far less onerous than that which is created by the plan proposed by the Trustees.

THE PLAN.

1. A President, whose time shall be entirely devoted to the interest of the College, and who shall instruct in the Evidences of Christianity, Kame's Elements, Rhetoric, and Logic.

2. A Professor of Mathematics.

3. A Professor of Languages.

4. A Professor of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry.

The Theological Professors not to be members of the faculty, yet instructing as follows:

Dr. Milledoler in Moral Philosophy.

Dr. Cannon in Mental Philosophy.

Dr. M'Clelland, the senior class in the higher classics.

The advantages which the committee discover in this arrangement are the following: It materially relieves the theological faculty from many toilsome and perplexing services, which cannot but greatly interfere with their appropriate duties as professors of theology. It provides for the entire services of the President in the government and instruction of the College. By assigning important services to Dr. M'Clelland, it does away the necessity of a tutor. It throws the responsibility upon the literary faculty, where it ought undoubtedly to rest. And, most of all, it does away that intimate connexion between the two institutions, which, it is believed, is the great cause of the present embarrassments.

Leaving the salaries, in this plan, the same as in the plan proposed by the Trustees, the difference in the annual expenses of the College will be just equal to the difference between $750, the sum proposed to be paid to a tutor, and the salary that may be paid to the President. The liabilities involved in the proposition of the Trustees are as follows:

Professor of Mathematics,	$1750
Professor of Languages,	1500
Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy,	1500
Tutor,	750
Total,	$5,500

If, however, the salaries of the professors were graduated by the ability of the Trustees to pay; by the salaries which are deemed adequate to the support of ministers of the gospel, in towns of similar magnitude and importance with New-Brunswick, and even in New-Brunswick itself; and by the salaries which are paid in kindred institutions in our country; a very material diminution of the expenses of the College might be effected. And why Rutgers College, in the midst of financial embarrassment, should pay larger salaries than other similar institutions, the committee is unable to discover.

Suppose the salaries of the professors to be placed nominally at $1500, but actually, until the resources of the College shall enable the Trustees to pay the full amount, at $1250, then the results are the following: Three professors, at $1250, amounts to $3750. This sum, deducted from $5,500, leaves $1750, which might be applied to the support of a President.

But the committee feel constrained to call the attention of the Synod to another important topic connectedwith the general subject. While, as a general rule, it is unwise to say a word that may arrest the current of benevolent feeling in an individual or a community, yet it is possible that one department of benevolence may be extended beyond a due proportion to other parts of a common system. It is believed that something, nearly approximating to this, has already occurred in the beneficiary operations of our church. The means for the gratuitous education of our ministry operate with oppressive influence upon the College, which stands engaged to educate the whole number of beneficiaries, without receiving the usual tuition fees. Were the Synod to engage to pay this item into the treasury of the College, the result would be nearly equal to the endowment of a professorship—about $1200, annually. The committee are fully convinced of the justice and policy of the measure. The Van Benschoten fund, which has hitherto been almost exclusively appropriated to the *support*, might as well, according to the terms of the bequest, be appropriated to the *education* of pious young men for the ministry. The Board of Education is the creature of the Synod, and may be directed to regulate their

appropriations as the Synod shall think proper. The measure is judged to be politic, because, by means of the Van Benschoten Fund, the Miss Knox Fund, the Scholarships and the Education Society, a number of beneficiaries can be sustained quite adequate to the wants of the church, and bearing a sufficiently large proportion to the number of those who do not stand in need of the church's bounty, in order to procure their education.

The sum of $1200 added to $1750, the sum stated above, produces $2950; shows a financial superiority in the plan here proposed over that of the Trustees, by the difference between $2950 and what may be decided upon as the proper salary of a president.

The committee refrain from the expression of any views as to the amount proper to be paid to a president. Circumstances might arise materially to affect the sum proper to be proposed as the compensation of this officer. Admitting it to be a generous one, the result of the plan here proposed presents financial advantages equivalent to the enlargement of the fund, as proposed by the Trustees.

The Trustees speak of the price of board in New-Brunswick as an *alleged* difficulty. Allowing it to be *only* such, still it is well known that appearances frequently produce all the effects of realities, and it is often wise to provide against mere appearances. Were a house to be provided for the accommodation of some thirty or forty students, to board in common, the calculations of at least a large portion of the public, whether those calculations be true or false, would be met, and any prejudice against the College on this account be removed. It is believed however, that there is reality in the *alleged* difficulty. Calculating from the number of families which forty students would support at board, the committee cannot entertain a doubt that the price of board might be materially reduced. At all events two advantages would result from the proposed establishment. Board would be furnished at as cheap a rate as it could be furnished on any plan, and restraints would be imposed upon those who take students at board in the town. Any unreasonable demands on their part might be met by a resolution on the part of the Trustees to enlarge the convent system to an extent to accommodate the whole number of students.

Should the plan suggested in this report be adopted, your committee anticipate the revival of that confidence which is of vastly more importance to the institution than all the funds proposed to be raised by the Trustees. On this hinge the welfare of the College must turn. Confidence inspired, no doubt the vigorous prosecution of the object of their appointment by the committee now engaged to solicit subscriptions in behalf of the Trustees, would produce results adequate to the wants of the institution.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the object of the committee, now engaged in soliciting subscriptions to the funds of Rutgers College, be earnestly recommended to the regard and liberality of the friends of our church.

In order to carry out the provisions of the plan of your committee, it will be necessary so to modify the existing covenant between the Synod and the Trustees, that it shall be no longer necessary for the President of the College to be one of the professors of theology. It is therefore recommended, that that part of the covenant, with the consent of the Trustees, be abrogated.

It is understood by your committee, that the last subscription to the funds of the Synod, amounting to $30,000 or more, contains a condition binding the Synod to a continuance of the covenant now existing between the Synod and the Trustees. Whether the principles of this report are to be carried out at this time, or not, a variety of probable contingencies may be conceived, in which the existence of such a restriction upon the funds of the Synod, would be productive of serious embarrassment. Its removal, which it is believed may now be easily effected, will necessarily, at a future time, when the subscribers, or their immediate representatives, shall have gone to their graves, become exceedingly difficult, if not wholly impracticable ; it is therefore earnestly recommended, that a committee be appointed to solicit from the subscribers to the aforesaid fund, or from their representatives, as the case may require, a formal relinquishment of the condition alluded to.

On the subject of the beneficiaries, the following resolution is recommended.

Resolved, That if the Trustees adopt the plan here proposed, and will so arrange the appropriations of the beneficiary funds under their control, as to secure to their treasury the tuition fees of their beneficiaries, then the Education Board of the Synod be instructed so to arrange the appropriations as to produce the same result.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee,

S. A. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed, to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, on the best mode of abrogating or modifying the covenant between the Synod and the Board of Trustees: the general details of the report of the special committee appointed by the Synod to consider the report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, which has been adopted, being taken as the basis of their instructions.

The following persons were appointed the committee contemplated in the above resolution: Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D,. Benjamin C. Taylor, Thomas M. Strong, Brogun Hoff, and William Cahoone; and the Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer, John D. Keese, Adrian Vanderveer, and Joseph W. Duryea.

Resolved, That the President of the Synod be added to the committee to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College.

A resolution was presented relative to the reconveyance of the College edifice and grounds to the Trustees of Rutgers College, which was discussed at some length; when it was *Resolved*, That it be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Elder Cornelius L. Hardenbergh, Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, D. D., Issac N. Wyckoff, D. D. and Peter Labagh, and the Elder Peter D. Vroom.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, If the Trustees of Rutgers College consent to the abrogation, or alteration of the covenant between the Synod and

the Board of Trustees, in conformity to the general plan proposed in the report of a special committee of Synod, adopted at the present session, that then this Synod consider that it would be equitable to reconvey the present College edifice and grounds to the Board of Trustees, provided the Trustees shall repay to the Synod such consideration as may have been paid to the Trustees therefor, and such moneys as the Synod may have expended upon the building subsequent to their purchase of the same, in finishing the edifice; and, provided further, that any rights or privileges which the Synod had in said College building previous to their said purchase, shall be secured in due form to the General Synod.

The Synod having heard with pleasure that the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., the Rev. John Knox, D. D., Jacob J. Janeway, D. D. Isaac Ferris, D. D., and the Elders Abraham Van Nest, and C. L. Hardenbergh, are engaged in obtaining a subscription in behalf of the funds of Rutgers College, with encouraging prospects of success; therefore

Resolved, That this Synod highly approve of the untiring exertions of these brethren, in behalf of our institutions; that they affectionately commend them to the attention and liberality of all the friends of our Zion, and earnestly hope they will persevere in their laudable exertions, with increasing success.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Rutgers College be requested to collect any moneys due for bonds hitherto given by incumbents on the Van Benschoten and Miss Knox Funds, which may be forfeited.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

Resolved, That the plan adopted by the last Synod, for the organization of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, be so amended as that the members shall be chosen at every stated session of the Synod.

The period for which the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary were elected, having expired, Synod proceeded to a new election. Nominations were received from the Classes of Bergen, South Classis of New-York, Paramus, Long Island, Albany, Ulster, Schoharie, Schenectady, Greene, Orange, and Montgomery, which were confirmed. Members were then appointed for those classes whose nominations were not before the Synod. The following are the names of the persons chosen to constitute the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary for the present year, viz: Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., Ransford Wells, Wilhelmus Eltinge, Thomas M. Strong, Jacob C. Sears, Gabriel Ludlow, William S. Heyer, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Douw Van Olinda, Andrew N. Kittle, John Nott, Elbert Slingerland, Abraham H. Myers, Cornelius Bogardus, Gustavus Abeel, Jeremiah Searle, and John H. Bevier.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate having carefully examined the several documents committed to them, respectfully report—

That the first subject which claimed their attention was the result of a correspondence between the joint committees of General Synod, appointed at their last stated meeting, a committee of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, and the Rev. Dr. Janeway, with the view of securing, upon terms mutually satisfactory, the continuance of his services in their institutions at New-Brunswick; from which, your committee regret to learn, that after mature and prayerful deliberation, Dr. Janeway did not feel it his duty to accede to the proposition of the joint committees.

Theological Seminary. The report of the Board of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, furnishes, in detail, an account of the condition of that institution, which your committee feel assured has met with a corresponding feeling of gratitude from this Synod; for, although nothing of special interest has occurred, yet the uninterrupted care which the Great Head of the Church has

exercised over this school of the prophets, in the preservation of the lives of its professors—in furnishing a more than ordinary number of students—and in causing to be cherished among them a spirit of piety, becoming their present preparatory course, and as indispensable to qualify them for the discharge of the high and holy duties to which they will be called, when invested with the sacred functions of the ministerial office; these considerations will unquestionably call forth the grateful acknowledgments of the representatives of that church which looks with deep solicitude to this source, to supply the vacancies which annually occur within her limits; to occupy her new stations, which are yearly increasing; and to reply, in some humble degree, to the loud and repeated calls for men, to cultivate portions of the vast moral waste which spreads itself on every side. Let the united and fervent supplications of the church ascend to Him with whom is the residue of the Spirit, abundantly to qualify those who are already preparing to go forth as co-workers with God in building up his kingdom of grace; and to influence the minds of many more to consecrate themselves to the Lord in this holy work.

Board of Corporation. The documents furnished by this Board, show with what unwearied diligence and fidelity they have discharged their various and complicated duties, in husbanding in the best manner the funds of the different institutions of the church, intrusted to them; and of having them all placed upon proper and satisfactory security.

The Treasurer's Report shows a gradual increase in the permanent fund for education. Eleven scholarships have been endowed, and the whole invested by the Board of Corporation upon ample security. The whole amount now invested for this purpose, is $21,400.

From the report of Peter Spader, Esq., it appears, that $1,237 have been paid during the past year to indigent students, out of the interest of the Van Benschoten Fund; and that $240 have been paid for the same purpose, out of the interest on the Miss Knox Fund. The amount of principal, constituting these funds, is $21,980.

In view of the whole subject, your committee feel that there is much reason for gratitude to a kind and watchful Providence, for the fostering care which he has hitherto exercised toward all our institutions; and that abundant cause exists to elicit the best feelings, and to call forth the united and untiring co-operation of all who desire their prosperity.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. SEARS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, was received, accompanied with the

translation of a letter from the Netherlands Missionary Society, and also a letter from the Rev. Wm. J. Armstrong, one of the secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and pamphlets containing the fixed rules of said Board, in relation to appropriations to missions, which were requested by the last General Synod; all of which were referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be instructed to draft a letter, to be reported to Synod, to the King of Holland; and also, one to Harmanus Bleecker, Esq., Charge d' Affaires of the United States, at the Hague, on the subject of the missions of the Reformed Dutch Church in Netherlands India.

A letter was received from the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, on the subject of extending the church in the western states, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church was presented, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report—

That the following communications have been put into their hands, viz:

1. The Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

2. The Report of the Treasurer of the same.

3. The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

4. The Report of the Treasurer of the same.

5. A letter from the Netherlands Missionary Society, in answer to a communication from our Foreign Missionary Board.

6. A communication from one of the secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in answer to an inquiry made by General Synod, concerning "the fixed rules of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to guide

them in their appropriations made for the support of missionaries from our church, engaged in their service, both at home and abroad," together with their Manual of Missionary Candidates, and the Constitution, laws, and regulations, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

7. A letter from Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, setting forth the practicability of organizing churches of our denomination in the western states.

In relation to the several reports of the Boards of Missions, your committee would observe, that from the representations they contain, it is manifest, that the church has much reason for gratitude to God, in view of the faithfulness of the Boards in their several spheres of action; of the deep interest taken by many of the churches in the subject of missions; of the number of churches at home that have been aided, and the success of the efforts for foreign missions. With an agency irregular and inefficient in its operations, a very encouraging amount of funds have flowed into the treasuries of the Boards, and under the smiles of the divine Head of the Church, churches have been gathered, and souls brought into his kingdom, by missionary labor.

In regard to the domestic missions particularly, several interesting questions have been suggested to the committee by the report committed to them.

1. The number of the churches that have contributed to its funds: the report complains, that in several of the classes, but a few of the churches, and in the Classis of Paramus, only a single one of them attended to the annual collection; and, it appears also, by the report of the treasurer, that in many of the churches, the collections have been much smaller than known ability, and the acknowledged importance of this subject would lead us to anticipate. The report ascribes this, in some degree, to the mode of agency adopted in the last year; which left the whole subject to the arrangement of each classis for itself. In consequence of this, it has resulted, that only about eighty churches, out of more than two hundred, have taken any collection at all; and that the whole amount is even less than that of the preceding year, when the pecuniary pressure was at its

height. The Board, therefore, ask to be authorized to appoint agents in each of the classes; and your committee recommend on this subject the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be authorized to appoint such agents, in the several classes, as shall be willing to act for them; and if they can find no such in the classes, then to appoint them from any part of the church: and that the classes be requested earnestly to urge the attention of the churches to this subject.

The report congratulates the Synod on the organization of a church at Buffalo, under favorable auspices, in consequence of the labors of the commission sent out by the Board of Missions, to explore that field, and presses the importance of that location as a central point, strongly on the attention of the church. Your committee cannot but concur in these views; and, if it be the policy and design, or duty of the Reformed Dutch Church to extend herself towards and into the far West, then the position at Buffalo ought to be maintained at any reasonable labor and expense. If this is the sense of the Synod, they will adopt the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the enterprize of establishing a Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Buffalo, is of great importance to the interests of the Dutch Church, and is commended to the kindest consideration, and generous liberality of the churches.

The report further draws the attention of this Synod to the animating fact, that a church has been regularly established, and a minister called at Fairview, in Illinois, and that all the region around is "white unto the harvest," and invites the prayer and the corresponding labor, that the Lord would send laborers into his harvest. With this view, the communication of the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn fully concurs. Your committee do not doubt, from all this testimony, that a very fair opening for the extension of the Dutch Church presents itself in the Western states, and questionless the Synod is bound not to disregard this call in Providence.

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Board of Missions, and that they be instructed to embrace the earliest opportunity

offered in Providence, for the extension of our missionary operations in the western states.

The report of the treasurer presents the fact, that, including a bequest of $500 of Gerard Beekman, and a balance from last year, the income exceeds the expenditure by $104 29; but excluding these, the actual income falls below the expense in the sum of $967 71.

As the Beekman bequest was included by mistake, it is evident that it must be refunded, and the following resolution is therefore suggested:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions refund, to its proper destination, the five hundred dollars constituting the Beekman bequest, out of any moneys that may come into his hands.

In the view of the difficulty under which the Board labors, of determining the propriety of appropriating the sum applied for by any particular church, arising from the fact, that they possess no other testimony than that of the parties immediately interested, and that it is often impracticable, and always undesirable, to send any one to examine the state of the case, your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to every church now receiving aid from the Board of Missions, or hereafter to receive aid from the same, first to make application to the classis within whose bounds it is situated, and that such classis be requested to consider their case, and, if in their opinion, possessing a fair claim to the measure of aid which said church specifies, recommend it to the Board to allow them the said appropriation.

In relation to Foreign Missions, your committee report, that the report of the Board is full of interest, as will be seen by its perusal. The history of our missionary operations is brought down to the present time, and by it, the importance and promise of our efforts is set forth in a clearer and stronger light than ever.

With relation to the collection of funds, it is a fact noticed by the Board, and worthy of grateful attention, that although no particu-

lar agency has been employed, yet the amount collected has not fallen very far below the sum obtained by the energetic agency of our missionary Pohlman, in the preceding year. And what mingles encouragement with regret in our feelings, is the fact, that this has happened when some of the churches have given nothing to this object. If all had acted with the noble and generous spirit of a few, the Board would have had no occasion to complain of the want of means. Your committee believe that the mode of making a single annual collection in the churches is not the most productive plan of action. If a few active Christians, male or female, in each church, could be induced to make a personal application to all who might be supposed willing to give, the example of a few churches who have acted on this plan, teaches that the result would be far more favorable to the interest of this cause, than the present mode. On this topic the committee recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Synod earnestly exhort that the churches endeavor to devise the most productive mode of obtaining missionary funds, and prosecute that mode without fail or delay, and in the most diligent and persevering manner.

The Minutes of the last General Synod contains the suggestion that "some items in the annual report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, for 1837, were not entirely understood by some of the members of Synod, and a resolution that the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to lay before the next General Synod such explanation in the premises as may be in their power." It appearing that the particulars contained in the treasurer's account for that year, were not published in detail on the Minutes, but that charges were made for large sums of money paid to missionaries within short periods of time, without designating particulars, and thus leaving it uncertain for what particular purposes those moneys were expended; and whereas, upon full explanations upon this subject by the treasurer, it seems that those expenditures were proper in their character, and in entire consistence with the views and wishes of this body, being for the outfit of the missionaries, for their travelling expenses in visiting different sections of the church, and their necessary expenses in visiting foreign lands, therefore,

Resolved, That the charges and disbursements alluded to were entirely correct and proper in themselves, and such as ought to receive, and do receive, the sanction of this Synod.

It appears from the treasurer's report, that the amount of receipts and expenditures for the year ending June 1, 1839, have been as follows:

Receipts,—Amount of donations received during the year, ...	$9,014 53
Outfit of Mr. Waring, returned to the Board,	665 00
Balance on hand, ...	308 69
	$9,988 22

Expenditures,—Paid A. C. Bull, Agent of American Board, ...	$8,634 49
Paid Mr. Waring's outfit, . . .	665 00
" " David Abeel, . . .	300 00
Balance to new account, . . .	331 78
Current expenses, ...	56 95
	$9,988 22

A letter from the Netherlands Missionary Society to our Board, and in reply to inquiries as to any practicable mode of avoiding the difficulties now lying in the way of our missions in Netherlands India, was referred to your committee, suggesting the experiment of furnishing from this country, two young gentlemen, devoted to this missionary work, to send them a year at the expense of the American Society, to the Missionary Institute in Holland, and then being licensed and commissioned by the Netherlands Missionary Society, the missionaries might receive their instructions from our society, and after mutual consultation, be sent to the most eligible points. As the Board has, with entire propriety, signified to the Netherlands Society, that we have no young men at present whose attention is drawn that way; and if we had, the expediency of adopting this suggestion at present, seems doubtful to your committee; and as an application is to be made to the Netherlands govern-

ment for general permission to send missionaries to its Australasian possessions. The committee judge that this subject demands no further present attention, and accordingly recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

In relation to Document No. 6, your committee are happy to perceive, that the letter of the Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with the accompanying pamphlets, convey very satisfactory answers to the questions which elicited these communications, and do not perceive that they call for any further action by this Synod.

The report takes deserved notice of the death of the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, long the president of this Board. Every member of Synod will cordially join with the Board, and with every benevolent institution of our country, in giving thanks to God for the long period in which the churches enjoyed his valuable services, his high Christian example, his extended and continued liberality to the benevolent institutions of the day, and will also unite in the general sorrow, that we shall see his face no more, nor enjoy his example of Christian beneficence any more ; and will embalm his memory with the most affectionate regard.

In obedience to the order of Synod, the committee present the accompanying drafts of letters to the King of Holland, and to the Hon. H. Bleecker, our representative at the Hague.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Missions reported drafts of letters to the King of Holland, and to Harmanus Bleecker, Esq., Charge d' Affaires at the Hague, which were accepted, amended, and adopted by the Synod.

Resolved, That these letters be signed by the proper officers of the Synod, and forwarded to Holland.

Resolved, *unanimously*, That this body are fully satisfied that the interests of the Reformed Dutch Church render it highly proper, that the Synod should, and they hereby do, cordially commend the

church in Buffalo to the sympathy and Christian liberality of our churches.

A communication was received from the Classis of Long Island, on the subject of the organization of a church by the Board of Missions, without the action of a classis in the case; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be instructed to direct their missionaries, whenever a church is to be organized as the result of their labors, that application be made to the next contiguous classis for their action upon the case, that the organization may be effected in strict accordance with the Constitution.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Missions of the General Synod, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., John Knox, D. D., Mancius S. Hutton, N. I. Marselus, and Messrs. William R. Thompson, William B. Crosby, James Suydam, John I. Labagh, Dr. Hiram Upson, William C. Miller, and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, the Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. John Garretson, Thomas M. Strong, James Romeyn, and Messrs. Peter D. Vroom, and Isaac Young.

The Rev. John M. Macauley, was elected for two years, in the place of the Rev. Christopher Hunt, deceased.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the annual missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D. was chosen *primarius*, and the Rev. John M. Macauley, *secundus*.

The annual missionary sermon was preached before the General Synod on the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of the Synod, in the Third Reformed Dutch Church, by the Rev. Thomas

E. Vermilye, D.D., from Acts xiii. 26, "To you is the word of this salvation sent."

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

Resolved, That a standing committee, to be called the Committee on the Widows' Fund, be added to the standing committees of the Synod to whom all subjects relating to the Widows' Fund, which shall be brought before the Synod, shall be referred.

The Rev. James Murphy, Andrew N. Kittle, and John L. Zabriskie, and the Elders, Cornelius Heyer, and William Houston, were appointed said committee.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund report—That they have examined the report of the Board of Corporation, and find that although the number of clerical subscribers is not so large as anticipated, yet something has been done, and enough to encourage us in the hope of ultimate success.

The accumulation of funds has commenced, by the subscriptions of ministers, collections, and donations from benevolent individuals, and now amounts to $3,155 21.

This is a clear evidence; if from only 90 to 100 enter heartily into the plan, and efforts are made to carry out its principles, that we may reasonably hope for complete success. The different parts of the plan and rules are now scattered in different Minutes of the Synod. The committee would recommend that the Board of Corporation *bring* these rules into one system of rules and by-laws, and publish them as an Appendix to the Minutes of General Synod.

The subject is one of very great interest to the comfort of very many widows, children, and disabled clergymen. When we consider the low salaries of a large portion of the clergy; that they can employ no secular means of obtaining property, and the very great difficulty of men to make any great saving under such cir-

cumstances, a plan by which an investment of $20 yearly, (with the right of withdrawing at pleasure,) will entitle an annuitant to $200 per annum, offers the most favorable opportunity of making a comfortable provision for advanced life, or lonely widowhood and helpless orphans; and it is sincerely hoped, that all the ministers in our church will avail themselves of this opportunity. In order to render the plan efficient, however, it is necessary that the church give her cordial aid; ten thousand dollars ought to be raised by the churches and the friends of the cause, in five years from the commencement. For the accumulation of funds, at which time, the subscription of ministers ought to amount to ten thousand dollars more; giving a capital of $20,000, with an interest of $1,400. To this add the subscription of one hundred ministers, $2000, and $1000 by collections and donations, making $4,400 yearly. At that time, there may be annuitants requiring the amount of $1500 per annum, leaving $2,900 for investment yearly, until the annuitants shall increase. To advance this important object, your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the ministers present be invited to pay at this time the yearly subscription; or, to give notes payable in four, six, or twelve months.

2. *Resolved*, That the recommendation of the Board of Corporation, for Synod to empower them to pass a rule allowing subscribers to withdraw their funds without interest, when they shall judge proper, be granted.

3. *Resolved*, That each classis be requested to appoint one or two of their members, as agents, to preach in the congregations, bring the subject before the people, and solicit subscriptions, donations, and legacies.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the consistories of our churches, to interest themselves in this important subject; by giving their own ministers and agents of classes, an opportunity to preach in their pulpits on the subject, and to aid the ministers by their active exertions in soliciting subscriptions and donations from their people, for the increase of the funds.

5. *Resolved*, That when ministers are unable to pay the yearly subscription in full, that the consistories of the churches be affectionately recommended to aid them in doing so.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be requested to collect their rules and by-laws in one system, and publish them as an Appendix to the Minutes of General Synod, and also in the Christian Intelligencer.

Resolved, further, That the Board of Corporation be directed to imbody in a pamphlet form, all the action of the General Synod on the subject of the Widows' Fund, viz: the original report, the subsequent reports and resolutions, and the rules and by-laws of the institution.

JAMES MURPHY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Resolved, That the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor and John Lillie, and the Elder, John Saunders, be a committee of arrangements for a public meeting, to be held in behalf of the benevolent institutions of the church, on Tuesday evening, in the Crown Street Church.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the meeting was held accordingly.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

Several copies of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, were received and distributed among the members.

Resolved, That this Synod continue to have full confidence in the wisdom and benevolent character of the Colonization Society,

and anew commend it to the careful attention and kind regard of the churches, and that it be recommended to the churches to take up a collection, on a Sabbath as near to the fourth of July as convenient, for the benefit of the funds of the American Colonization Society, or some society having the same object.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occured.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The committee on accounts reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on accounts beg leave to report, that the only business claiming their attention, has been a communication from the Classis of New-Brunswick, in regard to their debt to General Synod for Minutes. It appears that the Stated Clerk of General Synod sent them, in the year 1837, the items of their debt, accruing from 1831 to 1837 inclusive, amounting to $40 63, since which time they have paid of the same, $35 47, leaving a balance in favor of Synod of $5 16, which the Classis ask Synod to remit, as, in their estimation, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to collect the same, they having greatly exerted themselves to reduce the debt as already stated, and the bounds of Classis being far less extensive than formerly, the churches on the Delaware being no longer in connexion with them.

Your committee in reference to the above, would offer the following.

Resolved, That the small balance in favor of Synod, which the Classis wish to have remitted, said Classis, so highly respectable, endeavor to pay ; not only in order to sustain their credit, but as an example to other Classes within our bounds, who as your committee have ascertained, are still in arrears for Minutes to a large amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL KISSAM, *Chairman.*

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to $22 52, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish nine hundred copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz : Rev. John M. Scribner, and the Elders, Ryer Heermance and James Van Deursen.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the citizens of Philadelphia, for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates during their session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the Consistory of the Third Reformed Dutch Church, for the accommodation of the Synod during their session, and to the Consistory of the First Reformed Dutch Church, for the use of their church for the Synodical Sermon and the public meeting in behalf of the benevolent institutions of the church.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New-Brunswick, on the 18th of July next, in the College Chapel, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and was closed with singing the 21st Hymn, 3d part, and prayer by the President.

GEO. W. BETHUNE *President.*
BROGUN HOFF, *Adsessor.*
JOHN P. KNOX, } *Clerks p. t.*
JAMES B. TEN EYCK, }

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened, pursuant to adjournment, in the City of New-Brunswick, on Thursday, the eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine. The session continued from the eighteenth to the nineteenth day of July, inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., the President of the Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Members present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D. and Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D.

Elders, Abraham Van Nest, Cornelius Heyer, and William I. Roome.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D.

Elders, * * *

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Jacob C. Sears, Charles P. Wack, and John L. Zabriskie.
Elders, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh, Peter D. Vroom, and Abraham Beekman.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Garretson, Ira C. Boice, Benjamin C. Taylor.
Elders, Henry Traphagen, William C. Vreeland.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Ebenezer Wiggins, John H. Duryea, and Peter I. Quick.*
Elders, * * *

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. William R. Gordon, Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and Thomas M. Strong.
Elders, * * *

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh, George W. Bethune, D. D.
Elder, James D. Stryker.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John H. Van Wagenen.
Elders, * * *

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D.
Elder, William M'Elroy.

* Succeeded by the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., *secundus*, on the second day of the session.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Andrew N. Kittle and John Gray.
Elder, Isaac Hutton.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. John Lillie and Abraham Fort.
Elder, Elijah Alliger.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady*

Rev. * * *
Elder, James V. S. Riley.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. James Romeyn and William Cahoone.
Elders, * * *

The Rev. Professors Milledoler, Cannon, and M'Clelland, were present during the session of the Synod.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D. acted as President.

In the absence of the Adsessor and temporary Clerks, the Rev. Jacob C. Sears was chosen Adsessor, and the Rev. John H. Van Wagenen and William R. Gordon, Clerks, *pro tem.*

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Association of the Alumni of Rutgers College, which was read and laid on the table.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

A communication was received from the General Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union, informing Synod, that agreeably to their order, they met on the 3d of July, and were duly organized, and requesting that their number be enlarged by the addition of twelve others, with the view of having the churches in New-York more fully represented in the Board; and also, that the said Board be

empowered to fill such vacancies as may occur between the sessions of the General Synod. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Sabbath School Board be enlarged, by the addition of twelve members, chosen from the city of New-York and vicinity, and that in their election, regard be had to as equal a representation of the churches as practicable.

Resolved, That the Board of Sabbath School Union have power to fill such vacancies as may occur between the sessions of the Synod.

The Committee on Nominations* having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect the additional members of the Board of Sabbath School Union, the Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen: Messrs. William Forrest, John D. Keese, Samuel Roome, Obadiah Holmes, Isaac Schuyler, Joseph W. Duryea, Walter Bicker, Rev. Matthias Lusk, ——— Danforth, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh, Peter Duryea, and Rev. Isaac S. Demund.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The committee appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, (p. 282,) presented their report, accompanied with a copy of the Minutes of the joint committee, which was read, accepted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by the General Synod to confer with the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, beg leave respectfully to report, that they met at New-Brunswick on the 9th of July, being all present, and after organizing, repaired to the College Hall, where they were met by a committee of the Board of Trustees.

* The Rev. John P. Knox, and the Elders John D. Keese and Samuel Allen, members of the Committee of Nominations, being absent, the Rev. W. C. Brownlee, D. D. and the Elders Henry Traphagen and William I. Roome, were appointed in their place.

Your committee doubted whether it was competent for them to confer with a committee of the Board, when their instructions were to confer with the Board itself; but having stated this difficulty, they waved the point, because upon hearing the instructions of the committee of the Board, and ascertaining that said committee were directed to negotiate on the basis of the Synod's report, they felt themselves at liberty to proceed to the conference.

The first business that came before the joint committee, related to the reconveyance of the College buildings and grounds. After a protracted discussion on this topic, the following resolution was unexpectedly offered by the committee of the Board, and after due consideration by your committee was agreed to, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That instead of the reconveyance of the College premises as proposed in the Minutes of General Synod, the Synod's committee agree to recommend to General Synod to guaranty to the Trustees, by a proper and legal instrument, the use of the library room, (the library being in common,) the chapel and recitation rooms as heretofore, for the purpose of conducting collegiate exercises, and that they will not sell or lease the College buildings or premises, or any part of them, without the consent of the Board of Trustees.

The alteration proposed by Synod in the covenant existing between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees, in relation to the choice of president in the College was next taken up, when the following resolution was mutually agreed to, and adopted, viz:

2. *Resolved*, That that part of the covenant which requires that the president of the College shall be a theological professor, be abrogated, and that no theological professor shall hereafter be the president of the College.

Your committee at this stage of the business deemed it their duty to bring before the joint committee, the subject of securing to General Synod some voice in the choice of this chief officer of the College. As under the existing covenant, the choice of this officer was confined to one of the three theological professors, which was virtually a nomination by the Synod of three individuals from

whom the election was to be made; the committee thought that under any alteration of the covenant, this right ought to remain in the Synod. The committee of the Board were unwilling to accede to this proposition unless assurances were given that Synod would make speedy provision for the regular support of the president. After a full interchange of views on the topics contained in this proposal, the joint committee agreed to the following resolution, viz:

3. *Resolved*, That if the Synod pledge themselves to secure a sufficient income for the support of the president, then the Board of Trustees will pledge themselves in every election to fill that office; to make their election from three individuals to be nominated by the Synod; it being however understood, that all other collections by the churches, for the benefit of the College, within the bounds of the church, be suspended until said fund for the presidency be secured; which must be within two and not exceeding four months from the adjournment of the ensuing adjourned meeting of Synod.

The particulars of the plan proposed in the Synod's report, for the arrangement of professoral duties in the College, now came into consideration; when the following proposition was made by your committee, viz:

1. The President shall teach the Evidences of Christianity and the higher branches of Rhetoric.

2. The Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

3. The Professor of Languages, Latin and Greek Languages.

4. The Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry and Experimental Philosophy, &c.

5. The Professor of Didactic Theology, Moral Philosophy, with the understanding however, that the present incumbent be excused if he wishes, in which case the duty shall be performed by the President.

6. The Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Mental Philosophy.

7. The Professor of Biblical Literature, the senior class, in Criticism, (particularly as taught by the ancient classical authors.)

To this proposition the committee of the Board agreed, excepting the phrase "particularly as taught by the ancient classical authors," upon which the Synod's committee insisted.

It will be perceived by the Synod, that this plan differs in two respects from that of the Synod. The one in relation to the present didactic professor, and excusing him from the duty of instruction in moral philosophy. It was stated to your committee, that the present Professor of Didactic Theology desired to be exempted from this duty ; and your committee, in consideration of the office he has held, and of his venerable age, which were suggested as a reason for his exemption, agreed to this change in the Synod's plan, in regard to him.

The other change in the plan respected the duties assigned to Dr. M'Clelland. It was urged on behalf of the committee of the Board, that the plan of the Synod would interfere with the department now committed to the Professor of Languages, and also with the engagements of the Board to him. In the hope of harmonizing, if possible, the views of both committees, your committee proposed the modification in the plan, as described above. Your committee regret to be obliged to say, that the committee of the Board positively declined agreeing with this part of the plan of Synod, or with the modification offered by your committee.

Inasmuch as no provision was made in the plan of Synod, for divine service in the chapel, your committee agreed to the following resolution, offered by the committee of the Board, viz :

5. *Resolved*, That the theological professors will preach in the chapel, as usual, on the Sabbath ; and that the future president, if a minister of the gospel, also preach, in his turn.

On the subject of the beneficiaries, it was, without difference of opinion, mutually

6. *Resolved*, That the respective committees recommend to General Synod and the Board of Trustees, respectively, so to arrange, in the distribution of the education funds, under the control of the respective bodies, that the usual tuition fees be paid to the trustees by all the beneficiaries, so long as the exigencies of the

College shall need the same, and the education funds of General Synod shall warrant such payment; and that the beneficiaries be excused from the payment of the usual incidental charges.

The subject of the salaries of the professors, as presented in the Synod's report, was next brought forward. On this, the committee of the Board declared themselves entirely unable to meet the views of Synod, and they wished the matter to be simply referred to the trustees, as expressed in the following resolution which they presented, viz:

7. *Resolved,* That the portion of the plan respecting the salaries of the professors, be referred to the trustees.

To this your committee objected as not sufficiently full and explicit; and, although under the present hopes your committee did not see the necessity of pressing the Synod's plan on this subject, yet, inasmuch as if these hopes were not realized, the plan might become indispensably necessary, therefore, with a view of securing particular attention to the recommendation of Synod by the trustees, with whom alone action on this subject rests, your committee offered the following amendment to the resolution of the Board's committee, which was not agreed to by them, viz:

8. *Resolved,* That the recommendation and plan of the Synod, relative to the salaries of the professors, be referred to the Board of Trustees, and that in case the funds for the support of the President shall not be realized, they be requested to pay to this plan their most serious and special attention.

The above is a detailed statement of the doings of your committee, in conducting their conference with the committee of the Board of Trustees. On the whole, your committee remark, that the conference was conducted in a spirit characterized on all sides by kindness and firmness. The committees perfectly harmonized in the ultimate purpose of the negotiation;—a single desire to promote the prosperity of the College animated all.

The Synod will perceive, that although your committee have succeeded to attain several of the important objects of their instruc-

tions, yet they have not been able to reach some points which appeared very material, if not vital to the Synod's plan. Your committee can see no good reason why the Synod should recede from or materially alter any of the main features of the plan adopted by them, and insisted upon by the committee in regard to the arrangements in the College. So far from it, they are more and more convinced of the wisdom of this plan, in every prominent point, and especially in what regards the theological professors. In conclusion, therefore, your committee would offer the following resolutions for the consideration of Synod, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod cannot recede from any of the material positions of the plan they adopted, as the basis of conference with the trustees of Rutgers College.

2. *Resolved*, That
be a committee to solicit from the churches the moneys necessary for the establishment of a fund for the support of a president in Rutgers College, which moneys shall be and remain under the control of General Synod, and be invested by their Board of Corporation; and the interest be annually paid to the trustees, for the salary of the president, as long as this arrangement shall continue in force: And, that said committee proceed to the business of their appointment, as soon as they are officially informed that the Board of Trustees have acceded to the plan of Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That in the hope that the Board of Trustees will agree, without delay, to meet the views of Synod, and that the above committee will be successful in their efforts; and that, in such event, the trustees will be prepared to proceed to the election of a president, before the next meeting of General Synod: Therefore, the Synod do now proceed to nominate three persons from whom this election shall be made.

4. The committee would submit, in fine, to the judgment of General Synod, whether, in the event of the trustees refusing to accede to such features of this plan as the Synod deems essential to the welfare of the church, in its connexion with the College, the Synod should not rescind their recommendation of the commit-

tee of the trustees appointed to make collections for the benefit of the College among the churches.

The committee feel great pleasure in adding, that in their conclusions and determinations they have been entirely unanimous.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

The following extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, was received.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College. July 17, 1839.

The following resolutions, reported to the Board, as agreed upon by the joint committees, were adopted by the trustees:

Resolved, That instead of the reconveyance of the College premises, as proposed in the Minutes of Synod, the Synod's committee agree to recommend to General Synod to guarantee to the trustees, by a proper and legal instrument, the use of the library-room, (the library being in common), the chapel and recitation-rooms, as heretofore, for the purpose of conducting collegiate exercises; and that they will not sell or lease the college-buildings or premises, or any part of them, without the consent of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, (Jointly,) That that part of the covenant which requires that the President of the College shall be a theological professor, be abrogated, and that no theological professor shall hereafter be the President of the College.

The following propositions were agreed to by the trustees:

1. The President shall teach the evidences of Christianity, and the higher branches of rhetoric.

2. The Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

3. The Professor of Languages, Latin and Greek languages.

4. The Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry and Experimental Philosophy.

5. The Professor of Didactic Theology, Moral Philosophy, with the understanding, that the present incumbent be excused, if he wishes, in which case the duty shall be performed by the President.

6. Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Mental Philosophy.

7. The Professor of Biblical Literature, the senior class in criticism, taking for text-books Quintilian and Longinus, with the consent of the Professor of Languages.

Resolved, (Jointly,) That the Professors in the Theological Seminary preach in the chapel on the Sabbath, as usual; and that the future president, if a minister of the gospel, also preach in his turn.

Resolved, That the joint committee recommend to the Synod and Board of Trustees, so to arrange, in the distribution of the education funds under the control of the respective bodies, that the usual tuition fees be paid to the trustees by all the beneficiaries, so long as the exigencies of the College shall need the same and the education funds of General Synod shall warrant such payment; and that the beneficiaries be excused from the payment of the usual incidental charges.

(A true copy,)

THEODORE HARDENBERGH, *Clerk*.

Resolved, That the countenance and co-operation of the Synod be invited to aid the trustees in providing funds to sustain the College under the new organization contemplated.

Resolved, That the committee of ten appointed to confer with Synod's committee, be continued, with a view of giving such explanations to the Synod as they may think proper.

A true extract from Minutes of Trustees,

THEODORE HARDENBERGH, *Clerk*.

New-Brunswick, *July* 17, 1839.

Resolved, That the committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, to make explanations of the proceedings of said Board, be

accredited and now heard, and at such other time as the Synod may wish information.

The commissioners from the Board of Trustees having been heard, it was

Resolved, That all the papers on the subject, before the Synod, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. James Romeyn, Thomas M. Strong, and Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., and the Elders Isaac Hutton and Peter D. Vroom.

The committee reported, and their report was accepted, and the following resolutions recommended in their report, were adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That General Synod accede to the resolution of the joint committee, providing that no theological professor shall hereafter be President of the College.

2. *Resolved*, That the spirit of the charter cannot be carried out, nor the advantages proposed from the connexion between the General Synod and the trustees of Rutgers College secured, without concurrent and harmonious action.

During the discussion of the third resolution proposed in the report of the special committee, the following communication was received from the Board of Trustees.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, held July 19th, 1839.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees nominate and will elect and appoint Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., President of Rutgers College, provided Synod will pledge themselves to provide funds for paying his salary.

Resolved, That Peter D. Vroom, Dr. Janeway, and S. A. Van Vranken, be a committee to inform the General Synod that they have nominated Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., for the presidency of the College—to ask from that body a pledge, that they will raise the funds that may be requisite to pay his salary, and also that upon

such a pledge being given by the Synod, the Board will forthwith elect Dr. Ludlow as President of the College.

(A true copy,)

THEODORE HARDENBERGH, *Clerk.*

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the Synod approve of the nomination of the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., as the President of Rutgers College.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby pledge themselves to raise the means of his support, which shall be fixed at $2500 per annnm.

Resolved, That the fund to be raised be denominated the Literature Fund of the General Synod; to be duly invested, in the manner of the other permanent funds of the Synod; the income of said fund to be duly applied to the support and maintenance of the President of Rutgers College, so long as the Synod shall maintain its covenant with the trustees of said College; and in the event of the discontinuance of said covenant, then the income of said fund shall be applied by General Synod, in such way as Synod may deem proper, for the support of a literary professorship, or the education of our youth for the gospel ministry, in their academical and collegiate studies.

Resolved, That the Synod will continue to appropriate the income of this fund, to the presidency of Rutgers College; provided, in future elections of President, (during the continuance of the compact with the Board of Trustees), said Board of Trustees shall submit such election to the General Synod; and the same shall be approved by two-thirds of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., John Knox, D.D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., George W. Bethune, D.D., Peter Labagh, and the Elders John I. Labagh, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Jeremiah Johnson, John D. Keese, Peter D. Vroom, and William B. Crosby, be a committee to raise the Literature Fund of General Synod; and they be author-

ized to receive subscriptions to pay the salary of the President for the first two years.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation prepare suitable subscription papers, to be circulated by the committee appointed to raise the Literature Fund.

Resolved, That all other collections for Rutgers College, within the bounds of the church, be suspended until the Literature Fund of General Synod be secured; provided the limitation shall not exceed six months.

Resolved, That the following be the plan of the professoral duties:

1. The President shall teach the evidences of Christianity and the higher branches of rhetoric.

2. The Professor of Mathematics, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

3. The Professor of Languages, Latin and Greek languages.

4. The Professor of Chemistry, Chemistry and Experimental Philosophy, &c.

5. The Professor of Didactic Theology, Moral Philosophy, with the understanding however, that the present incumbent be excused if he wishes, in which case the duty shall be performed by the President.

6. The Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Mental Philosophy.

7. The Professor of Biblical Literature, the senior class in criticism, particularly as taught in Quintilian, Horace, *de arte poetica* and Longinus.

Resolved, That the Theological Professors preach in the chapel as usual, on the Sabbath, and that the future president, if a minister of the gospel, also preach in his turn.

Resolved, That in the distribution of the education funds under the control of the General Synod, the usual tuition fees be paid to the trustees by all the beneficiaries, so long as the exigencies of the College shall need the same, and the education funds of the General Synod shall warrant such payment, and that the beneficiaries be excused from the payment of the usual incidental charges.

Resolved, That if the trustees decline to accede to that part of the plan of Synod which contemplates a reduction of the salaries of the Professors, then the Synod insist upon the abrogation of so much of the existing covenant as requires that in case the income of the College shall at any time prove inadequate to pay the salaries of the Professors of Languages, Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, the General Synod shall make up such deficiency.

Resolved, That instead of the re-conveyance of the College premises as proposed in the Minutes, p. 282, the Synod guarantee to the Board of Trustees by a proper and legal instrument, the use of the library room, (the library being in common,) the chapel and recitation rooms as heretofore, for the purpose of conducting collegiate exercises, and that they will not sell or lease the College building or premises, or any part of them, without the consent of the Board of Trustees, provided the Board of Trustees accede to the plan now adopted by the General Synod, and elect the President whose nomination has been approved by Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation, with the Elder Peter D. Vroom, be a committee to prepare the legal instrument specified in the foregoing resolution, and that the Board of Corporation execute the same in behalf of Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation solicit from the subscribers to the last raised fund of $30,000, or from their representatives, the relinquishment of the condition referred to on p. 281 of the Minutes, contained in the caption to said subscription.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the special committee on the report of the committee to confer with the Trustees of Rutgers College, and the extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, when it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed.

The Synod having been informed that the Board of Trustees had elected the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., the President of the College, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and the Elder J. V. S. Riley, be a committee, on behalf of this Synod, to inform the Rev. Dr. Ludlow of his election.

Resolved, That the expenses of the committee, to confer with the Board of Trustees, be paid.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

Resolved, That the treasurer be authorized to pay the incidental expenses of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the minute in reference to the Classis of New-Brunswick, on the Minutes, page 298, presenting the said Classis in an improper and unpleasant aspect, be rescinded, inasmuch as it originated in a mistake, the Classis never having authorized any such request, and being willing and able to pay the amount of their arrears.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 850 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to $6, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New-York, in the Consistory Room of the Church in Franklin street, on the first Wed-

nesday in June, 1840, at 10 o'clock A. M.; and was closed with prayer by the President.

GEO. W. BETHUNE, *President.*
JACOB C. SEARS, *Adsessor.*
WILLIAM R. GORDON, *Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

PLAN FOR RAISING AND ADMINISTERING THE WIDOWS' FUND, AS AMENDED AND FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL SYNOD.

1. The fund shall be called the Fund for the Relief of the Disabled Ministers, and of the Widows and Children of Ministers of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, and shall be administered by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod, during the pleasure and under the control of General Synod.

2. Every minister of the Reformed Dutch Church, may, by the payment of twenty dollars annually, secure an interest in the fund; neglect of payment to be a forfeiture of privilege. Ministers interested in the fund, however, shall at all times be at liberty to relinquish such interest, and withdraw the amount of money actually paid by them, without interest.

3. All receipts of money, whether from the annual payment of ministers, collections in the churches, or donations by individuals, shall be allowed to accumulate until the fund shall amount to *ten thousand dollars;* after which, the payments made by ministers, and donations, when so specially directed by the donor, shall be considered income. All other donations, and the collections in the churches, to be considered principal, and the interest only to be used as income.

4. The Board of Direction shall carefully invest all moneys contributed to the fund, and for the increase thereof, in such manner as to them shall appear most safe and profitable. No money, however,

belonging to this fund, shall be loaned upon individual responsibility, (except on temporary loan with collateral security,) unless secured by bond and mortgage on real estate. The moneys belonging to this fund, shall be kept separate and distinct from all the other funds of General Synod.

5. The officers of the Board of Corporation shall be the officers of the trust. The treasurer's duty shall be, to collect the income, and make all payments. He shall report minutely and fully to General Synod, at each of its annual meetings; his accounts to be audited by a committee of the Board of Corporation.

6. The maximum amount to be paid to parties interested in this fund, shall be: To a minister, disabled by sickness or age, *two hundred dollars* per annum; to the widow of a deceased minister, *two hundred dollars* per annum; to children of clergymen, both whose parents have deceased, *seventy-five dollars* per annum each, until they attain the age of sixteen years. Should the income, upon due experiment, be found to admit it, this maximum may hereafter be increased. To a minister, disabled for duty, who has previously made but *one* payment, the maximum of the annuity allowed, shall be seventy-five dollars; where *three* annual payments have been made, the maximum annuity shall be *one hundred and fifty dollars;* and where payments have been made for *five* years and upwards, the maximum annuity shall be as above stated, *two hundred dollars.* The widows and children of such, to receive respectively, according to this gradation.

As long as the income is sufficient to pay each claimant the maximum annuity, the maximum shall be allowed; but should the income not be found sufficient, then the whole income shall be divided among the claimants, in proportion to their claims.

It is expressly understood, that in all the above cases, to entitle the applicants to their annuities, the payment of subscriptions must be continued until they cease by the operation of the principles herein contained.

7. A widow of a minister, contracting marriage, forfeits her claim to the annuity; but, in such case, the children, under sixteen

years of age, shall be entitled to their annuities, as though both parents had deceased.

8. In disbursing the income of the fund, where a minister is the applicant, he shall be required to produce a certificate from his classis, or other satisfactory evidence, declaring, that by reason of sickness, old age, or other providential cause, he is incapable of service.

Where a widow is an applicant, like satisfactory evidence of the decease of her husband, and the date thereof, shall be required.

When children, both whose parents have deceased, are concerned, like evidence of the death of their parents, and of their own age, shall be required.

9. The payments to annuitants shall be made half-yearly to ministers, commencing with the date of their declared incapacity for service; to widows from the death of their husbands; and to children from the death of their last surviving parent. The treasurer's books, or authentic vouchers, shall furnish the evidence of the payment of subscriptions.

Annuitants shall be admitted to the benefit of the fund by a vote of the trustees of the fund, or of a committee specially appointed for that purpose.

It is manifest, that the fund, administered upon the above principles, will be entirely *safe;* the *principal* will remain untouched, and be constantly accumulating, whilst annuitants will receive the entire amount of income from all sources.

The advantages to ministers and their families are obvious. By an annual payment of only twenty dollars, is secured the probable amount of two hundred dollars per annum, at a time when other resources fail; and when, without such relief, positive, and, in many cases, poignant privation must be endured.

Nor does the plan recommend itself less to the churches and congregations: A provision, small indeed, but yet important, is

made for their pastors, and the families of pastors, when the labors of these servants of God are suspended by his own act. Congregations will themselves be freed from embarrassments, in at once administering to the necessities of those whom Christian charity and Christian duty forbid them to abandon; and at the same time securing for themselves necessary ministerial service. Let the subject then meet a prompt and generous response in the bosom of the churches. Let every minister of the church become a subscriber; though it may cost a present effort, even a degree of embarrassment. Let the annual collections be made punctually, and with a liberal spirit, in all the churches. Let those favored by Providence with abundance, cast their gifts into this treasury of the Lord. And the fund will be rendered at once available.

A collection, for the benefit of this fund, is directed to be made in all the churches, on or about the first Sabbath in October, annually.

Classical agents have much depending upon their zeal and activity in this matter. There are families at this moment suffering for want of the aid which this fund is designed to afford.

THE

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FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Psalm cxix. 32. "*I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. John Knox, D. D., George Dubois, Nicholas I. Marcellus.
Elders, Abraham Van Nest, Thomas Lippincott, Cornelius R. Suydam.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., John M. Macauley, Stephen H. Meeker.

Elders, Christopher N. Kierstead, William B. Crosby, Peter Goetchius.*

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Abraham Messler, J. Addison Van Doren, James K. Campbell.

Elders, Peter Z. Elmendorf,† Ralph Vorhees, and Cornelius L. Hardenburgh.‡

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Ransford Wells, Matthias Lusk, Philip Duryea, D. D.

Elders, Albert G. Alston,|| Edward J. Danforth.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., John Manley, Isaac D. Cole.§

Elders, Henry Cuningham, Peter Smith,** James P. Blauvelt.**

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. James Demarest, Isaac P. Labagh, Maurice W. Dwight.

Elders, Isaac Cortelyou, Samuel Stryker, and Samuel Smith.††

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. George W. Bethune, D. D., Jacob R. Van Arsdale, and John Van Liew.*

* Took their seats on the second day of the session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the fifteenth day of the session.

‡ Took his seat on the third day of the session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the tenth day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

** Took their seats on the thirteenth day of the session.

†† Took his seat on the 8th day of the session.

Elders, Elisha Wells, Cornelius Ten Eyck, Martin Wyckoff.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John C. Cruickshank, James Lillie,* John H. Van Wagenen.

Elders, Jacob C. Everts,† Andrew Heermance, Cornelius Van Vliet, Jr.†

9. *From the Classis of Passaic.*

Rev. Garrit C. Schanck, Alexander C. Hilman, Joseph Wilson.‡
Elders, Peter Sanford,‖ Simon H. Van Ness.*

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Simon V. E. Westfall,** Edwin Holmes, Oscar H. Gregory.
Elders, Frederic Markle,‡‡ Gurdon Grant.††

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyck, William Brush.*
Elder, Moses Schoonmaker.*

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Edward P. Stimpson, John P. Knox.
Elders, * * *

* Took their seats on the second day of the session.
† Obtained leave of absence on the tenth day of the session.
‡ Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
‖ Obtained leave of absence on the fourth day of the session.
** Obtained leave of absence on the fifteenth day of the session.
†† Took his seat on the second day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day.
‡‡ Obtained leave of absence on the twelfth day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. David A. Jones,* Benjamin Van Zandt.†
Elders, Elbert I. Willett, Teunis Swart, Lewis Younglove.‡

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, Abraham H. Myers, John P. Pepper.§
Elders, * * *

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, Cornelius Bogardus.
Elders, * * *

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., John B. Steele, Herman B. Stryker.||
Elder, Adam Bloomingdall.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, John A. Liddell,†† John F. Schermerhorn.
Elders, * * *

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, Robert P. Lee, Jr., Ferdinand H. Vanderveer.
Elders, Amos Millspaugh, John S. De Witt,** Ephraim Smith.

* Obtained leave of absence on the fourteenth day of the session.

† Took his seat on the second day of the session, and obtained leave of absence after the eighth day.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

§ Took his seat on the second day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the 9th.

|| Took his seat on the second day of the session.

** Succeeded on the fourth day of the session by his *primarius*, G. S. Corwin, who obtained leave of absence on the fifteenth day of the session.

†† Obtained leave ef absence on the thirteeth day of the session.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, James Romeyn,* William Cahoone.
Elder, Wilhelmus Schuneman.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. James Murphy was chosen President.

The Rev. Abraham Messler was chosen Adsessor.

The Rev. John P. Knox, and Ransford Wells, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the last ordinary and adjourned sessions of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

Resolved, That hereafter, the President and Adsessor of the General Synod shall be elected by a majority of all the members present; and if, after the first vote, there is no election, the choice shall be made from the two who have the highest number of votes. The clerks shall be elected by plurality.

* Obtained leave of absence on the fifteenth day of the session.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. John Knox, D. D., Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., Stephen H. Meeker, and the Elders, Thomas Lippincott, and William B. Crosby.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. John H. Van Wagenen, Abraham Messler, and Edmund P. Stimpson, and the Elders, Jacob C. Everts and Teunis Swart.

On Missions.—Rev. Abraham Messler, James Romeyn, John F. Schermerhorn, and the Elders, Amos Millspaugh, and Adam Bloomingdall.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, John B. Steele, George Dubois, and the Elders, Peter Sanford and Frederic Markle.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Nicholas I. Marcelus, William Cahoone, Ransford Wells, and the Elders, Wilhelmus Schuneman and Andrew Heermance.

On Accounts.—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, John A. Liddell, and Abraham H. Myers, and the Elders, Cornelius Van Vliet, Jun. and Elbert I. Willett.

On Correspondence—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,* Edwin Holmes, and John C. Cruickshank, and the Elders, Cornelius R. Suydam, and John S. De Witt.

On Education.—Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., Cornelius Bogardus, and Maurice W. Dwight, and the Elders, Elisha Wells, and Cornelius Ten Eyck.

On Nominations.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., Simon V. E. Westfall, and Cornelius L. Van Dyke, and the Elders, J. C. Everts, and Abraham Van Nest.

* The Rev. Robert P. Lee was substituted in the place of the Rev. Mr. Gregory, after he had obtained leave of absence.

On Widows' Fund.—Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, John H. Van Wagenen, and James Demarest, and the Elders, Abraham Van Nest and Peter Z. Elmendorf.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

A communication was received from the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., relative to his election as President of Rutgers College, which was referred to the Special Committee on Rutgers College.

A communication was received from Messrs. G. W. Mentz & Son, requesting the privilege of publishing an edition of the Constitution of the Church, to be bound up in one volume with the Standards and Liturgy of the Church.

Resolved, That the communication of Messrs. Mentz be referred to the Board of Corporation, to report on the subject during the present session of the Synod.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendents would respectfully report to the General Synod, that they met at New-Brunswick on the 11th day of July, 1839. After the organization of the Board, reports were received from the several professors, from which it appeared, that the whole number of students for the year was thirty-six, viz:

Of the Senior Class—

John H. Ackerson,
John B. Crawford,
Anthony Elmendorf,
John C. Johnson,
William S. Moore,
John I. Quick,
Daniel M. L. Quackenbush.

Of the Middle Class—

John B. Alliger,
Jacob Bookstaver,
David D. Demarest,
Ephraim De Puy,
John L. Janeway,
William R. Janeway,
Robert Pitts,
Martin L. Schenck,
Isaac P. Stryker,
William H. Steele,
John A. Staats,
George Schenck,
William T. Van Doren,
Robert Van Amburgh,
John Witbeck,
John H. Sheffield,

Of the Junior Class—

James A. H. Cornell,
John De Witt,
Francis T. Drake,
Gardiner Jones,
Joseph Knieskern,
Alexander C. Millspaugh,
Gilbert M. P. Myers,
Peter G. Randall,
James Ryerson,
William E. Turner,
William I. Thompson,
John Watson,
Samuel M. Woodbridge.

Of these, thirty-three have prosecuted their studies to the present time. Mr. William R. Janeway, on account of ill health, has been obliged to make a voyage to Europe; and, for the same reason, has not attended the seminary since his return. Mr. John De Witt, of the Junior Class, has also retired, with the prospect of returning at the commencement of the next session. Mr. James Ryerson, of

the Junior Class, has been compelled to retire through indisposition, induced by application to study: the expediency of his return is very questionable.

From the reports of the professors, we were happy to find that the deportment of the students, during the year, had been exemplary, and their attention to the various branches of study commendable. In consequence of the severe indisposition with which Professor Cannon has been visited, during the current year, there was an intermission in the course of instruction, in the several branches in his department, of three months. While the Board deeply sympatize with this valuable professor, in the varied and deep affliction, through which, in the providence of the Lord he has been called to pass, we would express our gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that he has been pleased again to restore him to health, and to the active duties of his professorship.

The classes were examined before the board by the professors, upon the several branches of study pursued in their respective departments. The board were gratified to find that the students had made good improvement of the very favorable opportunities which are afforded them by the full course of instruction which is now so ably conducted in our theological school.

The examination was highly satisfactory. The members of the senior class, in addition to an examination upon the subjects of study, were particularly questioned in relation to their personal piety, and their views and motives in desiring to enter the gospel ministry. Having given to the board ample satisfaction, on all the subjects on which they were examined, it was—*Resolved*, That the examination be sustained; and that they be recommended to the professors for the usual professoral certificate, to entitle them to an examination before their respective classes.

The Synod will no doubt unite with the board in sentiments of gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the continued favor which he is pleased to bestow upon our school of the prophets. The number of its students is gradually increasing, and the prospects thus becoming yearly the more flattering that the church will realize her highest hopes, in regard to our institutions, so dear to her affections, and so vital to her best interests. It has already

sent forth from its walls many whom the Lord has eminently blessed in building up the waste places of Zion; in gathering souls into the kingdom of Christ, and of carrying the gospel of the grace of God to the benighted heathen. But, when we remember how much land remains yet to be possessed; how many openings in providence, of a most favorable character, for the enlargement of our church, are presented, and how loud, and how affecting, the calls from the distant and the perishing heathen for the messengers of Christ to break to them the bread of life, we are urged to renewed diligence and prayer for the prosperity of this seminary of sacred science. We would commend, afresh, to the confidence and the untiring efforts of the members of our church this fountain of sacred learning.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ISAAC N. WYCKOFF, *President.*

JACOB C. SEARS, *Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents.*

A communication was received from Mr. Barnabas V. Collins, one of the students in the theological seminary, soliciting a dispensation of two years' study, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Jacob A. Lansing, requesting a dispensation in regard to certain classical studies, with a view to enter the theological seminary at New-Brunswick, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Schenectady, recommending Richard Halloway Steele as a suitable person to receive aid from the education funds of the church, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following report was received from the committee to obtain donations to the library of the theological seminary.

The undersigned reports to Synod, that he has received from the Rev. Abraham I. Labagh, of the Island of St. Thomas, W. I., a box containing *twenty* valuable volumes of books, a donation from Mr. Labagh to the library of Synod. Also, through the hands of

Mr. Stephens fifteen valuable volumes, a donation from the Sabbath-school of Belleville, N. J., to the library of Synod.

JOHN KNOX.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, List of the Securities belonging to the Synod now in the hands of the Treasurer, and Accounts Current of said Board with the Board of Education and the Widows' Fund, together with a list of the Clerical Subscribers to the said Fund, which were read and accepted. So much as relates to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; the List of Securities to the Committee on Accounts; the Account Current with the Board of Education to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

The Board of Direction respectfully submit the following report of their proceedings during the past year.

The Board has met as often as the business committed to them has required. Harmony and unanimity have continued to characterize all their proceedings. The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will exhibit, in detail, the state of the funds of Synod. The interest upon the funds that are invested is punctually paid, and the securities are all considered to be good.

The interest upon what is usually called the thirty thousand dollar subscription, is in general received. Upon a few of these subscriptions, however, it is proper that the Synod should be informed, several years arrearages have accumulated; and, in a very few cases, it is feared, that neither the original subscription, nor the interest that has accrued, will prove available. With respect to this fund, your board have found some embarrassment in executing the direction of Synod to obtain from subscribers a relinquishment

of the condition upon which the subscriptions were originally made. This remains as yet but very partially accomplished.

The receipts, during the past year, have enabled the Treasurer to meet the demands upon the treasury at all times with promptness.

Mr. James Bogert, Junr., has, with a cheerful liberality, added to the sum of seventeen hundred dollars heretofore contributed by him for the endowment of a scholarship, so as to render the amount two thousand dollars.

There has been paid into the treasury during the past year, for the permanent fund of Synod, by Mr. John Sanders, one hundred dollars, being a bequest of Miss Mary T. Livingston, of Columbia County; and also, for the same fund, from Messrs. John C. Beekman and Abraham B. Cox, executors, five hundred dollars, being a bequest of Mrs. Catharine Boudinot, deceased.

The different funds of the Synod continue to be kept entirely distinct from each other, and will be found in the most simple and intelligible form.

The board having been certified that the condition in the case, on the part of the trustees of Rutgers College had been complied with, have, in obedience to the injunction of the Synod, caused a legal instrument to be prepared and duly executed, by which the Synod guarantee to the Board of Trustees the use of the library room, in their college edifice in New-Brunswick, (the library being in common,) the chapel and recitation rooms as heretofore, for the purpose of conducting collegiate exercises, and that they will not sell or lease the college-buildings or premises, or any part of them, without the consent of the Board of Trustees.

On the subject of the widows' fund, your board greatly regret that its accumulation has hitherto been so slow; and surprise mingles with their regret, when they reflect that a large number of ministers have not yet become subscribers, and that the annual collections in the churches, directed by the Synod, have, to so great an extent, been neglected. The depressed state of the pecuniary condition of the community has undoubtedly contributed to these results; the germ, however, of this fund, now exists—a beginning has been made. Your board have the fullest confidence

in the principles upon which it is established, and the unfaltering conviction, that the plan in reference to its accumulation and administration, only needs to be duly carried out, to secure relief to the churches, and greatly increased comfort to those whom religion forbids the churches to abandon. They therefore earnestly recommend the subject to the watchful and fostering care of the Synod. The treasurer's report will exhibit the present condition of the fund.

The only edition of the Constitution of the Church that has been published since its revision, is now exhausted; it is important that another edition should be issued, to meet the wants of the church. A proposition on the subject will be laid before the Synod by Messrs. George W. Mentz & Son, the publishers of our Psalm-book.

Dr. Knox and Mr. Van Nest have been appointed to give the Synod any further information that may be required.

CORNS. HEYER, *President.*
W. B. CROSBY, }
AB'M VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX, }
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 2d June, 1840.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Young, *their Treasurer.*

1839		DR.		
June	5	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	$393	75
	6	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	10	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
		" " Isaac Young, treasurer, one year's salary due this day, postage, discount, &c.	266	56
	17	" " John Lamon, door-keeper, for attendance, &c. on General Synod, at their meeting in Philadelphia, 5th inst. and stationary,	22	50
	19	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan, belonging to the widows' fund,	1500	00
July		" " the following persons, their travelling expenses, attending the meeting of the committee to confer with the trustees of Rutgers College, at New-Brunswick, 9th instant, viz:		
		Rev. Thomas M. Strong, $4 00		
		" B. Hoff, 9 00		
		" William Cahoone, Jr. 10 00		
		" Benjamin C. Taylor, 2 00	25	00
	13	" " the following persons, their travelling expenses, attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, at New-Brunswick, 11th inst.		
		Rev. A. N. Kittle, $9 00		
		" William S. Heyer, 4 62		
		" Cornelius Bogardus, 14 00		
		" Abraham H. Myers, 15 00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, 10 88		
		" Jeremiah Searle, 10 00		
		" Ransford Wells, 1 50	65	00
	24	" " Rev. Milledoler, for a lock furnished by him for Rutgers College,	2	25
	31	" " Mercein & Post, for printing the Minutes of General Synod, two sessions, 1839, paper, binding, &c.	211	85
Sept	3	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	5	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Ransford Wells, his travelling expenses, attending the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the 4th August last,	65	00
		Carried forward,	4170	66

1839		DR.		
Sept	10	Brought forward,	$4170	66
		To cash paid Mercein & Post, for printing circulars for the widows' fund,	3	50
	13	" " Peter Spader, treasurer of Rutgers College, for one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June, 1838,	300	00
		" " Peter Spader, treasurer of Rutgers College, for dividends on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, belonging to the trustees, up to this date,	18	75
Oct.	1	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December next,	250	00
	25	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due the 4th December next,	200	00
Nov.	4	" " James Bogert, Jr., interest on $1700, paid by him for the endowment of a Scholarship, from 4th June last, to this day,	49	57
	8	" " Henry Solomon, for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College, up to 5th inst,	171	50
	25	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan, belonging to the widows' fund,	600	00
		" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan, belonging to the education fund,	300	00
		" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan, belonging to the permanent fund,	600	00
Dec.	3	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	12	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, the balance of six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, amounting to $21400, due the 4th instant, $299 00 Deduct this amount, paid to James Bogert, Jun., on the 4th November last, for interest on $1700, paid by him for the endowment of a Scholarship, from 4th June last to that day, 49 57	249	43
	17	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
1840 Jan.	15	" " Greenwich Insurance Company, premium of insurance on Rutgers College, for one year from this day, $8000,	48	00
	31	" " James Dean, loaned him on his bond and mortgage, dated yesterday, with interest,	3600	00
		Carried forward,	11786	41

1840		DR.			
Feb.	22	Brought forward,		11786	41
		To cash paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st of March next,		393	75
Mar.	3	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		393	75
	7	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		437	50
	18	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th June next,		200	00
		" " Peter Spader, for the following bills of repairs to Rutgers College, viz:			
		Vail, Acker & Co.	180 21		
		Shaddell & Letson,	39 54		
		James Conover,	55 68		
		New-Brunswick saw-mill,	34 64		
				310	07
	23	" " postage of circular letters, respecting the widows' fund,		18	55
		" " Peter Spader, additional bills for repairs to Rutgers College, viz:			
		Vail, Acker & Co.	4 06		
		Shaddell & Letson,	1 12		
		Henry Solomon,	6 44		
				11	62
May	23	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st June next,	$100		
		Postage paid by him,	1		
				101	00
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor, &c. due 1st September, 1839, omitted in copying,		437	50
June	1	To balance in bank, carried to new account,		2500	57
				$16590	72

1839.		CR.			
May	31	By balance of last year's account, brought forward,		$2300	43
June	1	" Cash received of George W. Mentz & Son, on account of their note for $828, due this day,		3 28	00
	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due yesterday,		140	00
		" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church, Fishkill, (Rev. Mr. Kip,) for the widows' fund,		130	50
		" " of Rev. A. B. Chittenden, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Amity, for the widows' fund,		3	22
	8	" " for a dividend on twenty shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,		11	50
	14	" " of John Sanders, devised by Miss Mary T. Livingston, of Columbia County, to General Synod, for the permanent fund,		100	00
	17	" " of Rev. John Lillie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Kingston, for the widows' fund,	25 11		
		His subscription for 1839 deducted by him,	20 00	5	11
		" " of Rev. A. N. Kittle, collections for the widows' fund—			
		At Nassau,	41 53		
		Schodack,	42 20		
		Kinderhook,	13 06		
			96 79		
		Subscription of Rev. John Gray, for 1838 and 1839 and interest, deducted by him,	41 40	55	39
	18	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3700, due 24th May last,		129	50
	20	" " for six months' interest on bond of the Reformed Dutch Church in Broome street, for $5000, due 8th instant,		150	00
	24	" " of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, six months' interest on their three bonds, two for $5000 each, and one for $4000,		420	00
July	6	" " of John C. Beekman and Abraham B. Cox, executors, &c. of Catharine Boudinot, deceased, devised by her to the General Synod, for the permanent fund,		500	00
	16	" " of Rev. A. H. Myers, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at St. Johnsville, for the widows' fund,		6	80
	23	" " of Rev. J. H. Van Wagenen, balance of money collected at Linlithgow, for the widows' fund,		11	00
	27	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 5th June last,		60	00
Sept.	3	" " of Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, on account, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Schoharie,		3	64
	9	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $6800, due 4th June, and for $1200, due 8th July last,		280	00
		Carried forward,		4635	03

1839		CR.		
Sept.	12	Brought forward,	4635	00
		By cash received, for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 20th April last,	70	00
	13	" " of Peter Spader, treasurer, &c., for the balance of cash in his hands, due to the professoral fund of the Theological College on the 7th inst.	202	35
	26	" " collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Bushwick, L. I. for the widows' fund,	11	33
Oct.	4	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due yesterday,	297	50
	16	" " of Rev. Nicholas I. Marcellus, Stated Clerk of the Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod,	29	00
Nov.	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5500, due this day,	192	50
	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due yesterday,	315	00
	4	" " of James Bogert, Jr., to be added to $1700, heretofore paid by him for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College,	300	00
	8	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d October last,	70	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d instant,	350	00
	9	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due 6th instant,	290	50
	11	" " of Rev. J. O. Currie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Utrecht, for the widows' fund,	21	17
	14	" " of Rev. James Lillie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Rhinebeck, for the widows' fund,	100	00
		" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, contributed by the Female Benevolent Society of the Reformed Dutch Church at Bergen, for the widows' fund,	20	00
	15	" " for one copy of the Memoirs of Dr. Livingston,	2	00
	19	" " of William Houston, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Berea, for the widows' fund,	15	00
	25	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3700, due 24th instant,	129	50
	30	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d instant,	350	00
Dec.	3	" " of Rev. S. H. Meeker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, arrearages for minutes,	4	75
		" " of Rev. W. R. Gordon, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Manhasset, Long Island, for the widows' fund,	21	60
	5	" " for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due yesterday,	140	00
	10	" " for a dividend on twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,	18	40
1840 Jan.	2	" " of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, for six months' interest on their three bonds, two for $5000 each, and one for $4000,	420	00
		Carried forward,	8005	69

1840		CR.		
Jan.	10	Brought forward,	8005	69
		By cash received of M. C. Morgan, treasurer, collected in the South Dutch Church in Murray street, for the widows' fund,	61	14
	13	" " on account of the principle of Samuel H. Cox's bond for $5500,	500	00
	17	" " of Peter Spader, treasurer, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Brunswick, for the widows' fund,	35	42
		" " of George W. Mentz & Son, on account of their note for $521.11, due 7th inst.	150	00
	22	" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Gravesend, for the widows' fund,	22	85
	29	" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan, on the 19th June and 25th November last, with interest to this day, belonging to the widows' fund,	2172	63
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan, on the 25th November last, with interest to this day, belonging to the education fund,	303	78
		" " of Cornelius Heyer, invested by him on temporary loan, on the 25th November last, with interest to this day, belonging to the permanent fund,	607	59
Feb.	11	" " of Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, collected in the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Albany, for the widows' fund,	40	00
	15	" " for six months' interest on the bond of the Reformed Dutch Church in Broome street, for $5000, due 8th December last,	150	00
	17	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 25th December last,	60	00
	22	" " for six months' interest on bond for $6800, due 4th December last, $238 00 and for six months' interest on bond for $1200, due 8th January last, 42 00	280	00
	24	" " of George W. Mentz & Son, on account of their note for $521.11, due 7th January last,	70	00
Apr.	6	" " of Rev. James R. Talmage, collected for the widows' fund, in the Reformed Dutch Church at Redington, $12 00 Blawenburgh, 11 75 Harlingen, 5 12	28	87
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	7	" " for one year's interest on bond for $2500, due 26th inst.	175	00
	16	" " of Rev. John Garretson, Questor of the Classis of Bergen, for Minutes of General Synod,	12	25
		Carried forward,	12972	72

1840		CR.		
Apr.	20	Brought forward,	12972	72
		By cash received of Rev. Stephen H. Meeker, Questor of the South Classis of New-York, for Minutes of General Synod,	10	50
		" " of D. Cole, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at West New-Hempstead, for the widows' fund,	5	50
May	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due this day,	315	00
		" " for interest on bond for $5000, up to this day,	182	77
	6	" " of Rev. John Lillie, Questor of the Classis of Ulster, for Minutes of General Synod,	13	50
		" " for interest on bonds for $5300, for six months, due this day,	290	50
	12	" " for six months' interest on bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, for $14000,	420	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d April last,	70	00
	15	" " of Rev. A. M. Mann, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Poughkeepsie, for the widows' fund,	14	00
		" " of George W. Mentz & Son, on account of their note for $521.11, due 7th January last,	100	00
	19	" " of George W. Mentz & Son, on account of their note for $521.11, due 7th January last,	113	63
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d instant,	350	00
		" " of the following clergymen, for their subscription to the widows' fund, viz:		
		Rev. John Knox, D. D. 1839,	20	00
		" S. A. Van Vranken, D. D., 1838, 1839	40	
		" James Romeyn, "	20	
		" John Lillie, 1839,	20	
		" James Murphy, and interest, 1838,	21	40
		" Benjamin Van Zandt, 1839,	20	
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D. "	20	
		" John Gray, and interest, 1838, 1839,	41	40
		" B. Hoff, " " "	41	40
		" Henry Mandeville, "	20	
		" James R. Talmage, "	20	
		" R. O. Currie, "	20	
		" J. H. Van Wagenen, "	20	
		" John S. Ebaugh, and interest, 1838,	21	40
		" John Nott, 1839,	20	
		" Isaac S. Demund, 1839, 1840,	40	
		" Edwin Holmes, 1839,	20	
		" R. D. Van Kleeck, "	20	
		" William Lockhead, "	20	
		" Stephen H. Meeker, "	20	
		" Benjamin C. Taylor, 1840,	20	
		" Thomas Frazer, 1839,	20	
		" James Lillie, "	20	
		" James B. Ten Eyck, five years,	100	
		" Nicholas I. Marcellus, "	20	
		Carried forward,	15523	72

1840		CR.			
May	19	Brought forward,		15523	72
		By cash received of Rev. John Rudy,	1838, 1839,	40	
		" William S. Heyer,	1840,	20	
		" do. donation,		5	
		" John S. Ebaugh, (book)		2	
		" Ransford Wells,	1839,	20	
		" Alexander H. Warner,	1840,	20	
		" Francis M. Kip,	"	20	
		" Richard Sluyter,	1839,	20	
		" John E. Miller,	1840,	20	
		" R. W. Knight,	1839, 1840,	40	
	27	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Questor of the Classis of New-Brunswick, for Minutes of Synod,		20	
		" " of the following persons, for one year's interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May, 1839, viz:			
		Rev. Dr. Janeway,		150	
		Collegiate Church, New-York,		300	
		David L. Haight,		30	
		Richard K. Haight,		30	
		David H. Haight,		30	
		David W. Wetmore,		30	
		Thomas C. Doremus,		30	
		James Suydam,		30	
		Obadiah Holmes,		15	
		John Oothout,		30	
		Catilina Oothout,		30	
		Leffert Lefferts,		30	
		Thomas L. Chester,		15	
		Maria A. Kissam,		30	
		Myndert Van Schaick,		60	
				16590	72
June 1		By balance carried to new account,		$2500.57	

Errors excepted,

ISAAC YOUNG,
Treasurer.

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's account, have examined the same with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod, of two thousand five hundred dollars and fifty-seven cents.

CORNS. HEYER, } *Committee.*
W. B. CROSBY, }

New-York, 2d June, 1840.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1840.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds devoted to Education Purposes.

The Van Benschoten Fund.

The amount of this fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the state of New-Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1840, to	$19,980 00
Balance in his hands on that day,	1,165 84
Interest due on same fund, 1st May, 1840,	1,341 70
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	845 00

Legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox.

The amount of this fund is $2,000, which is loaned on bond, secured by mortgage of property in the state of New-Jersey,	$2,000 00
Interest due on this fund, on the 1st May, 1840,	120 00
Balance due Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c. on the 1st April, 1840,	72 14
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	180 00
Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for education purposes,	$21,700 00

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction,	$4,200 00
Balance in the Treasurer's hands belonging to this fund,	584 32

PERMANENT PROFESSORAL FUND.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz:

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages on real estate, &c.	$64,700 00
Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred by them to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, rendered 2d September, 1839,	3100 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Notes given for subscriptions,	300 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 00

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

There has been received for Minutes of Synod, during the past year,	$93 64
And there has been paid for paper, printing, &c.	211 85

CORNS. HEYER, *President.*

W. B. CROSBY,
ABM. VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 2d June, 1840.

The following report was received from the Board of Direction of the Corporation, on the request of Messrs. G. W. Mentz & Son; which was accepted, and adopted.

At a meeting of the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, held 5th June, 1840, present all the members of the Board—

General Synod having referred to this Board a communication from Messrs. George W. Mentz & Son, on the subject of publishing an edition of the Constitution of the Church, to be bound up in one volume with the Standards and Liturgy, and directed this Board to report on the subject during the present session of Synod—

Resolved, That this Board recommend to Synod to accede to the proposals of Messrs. Mentz, and authorize them to publish an edition of two thousand copies of the Constitution, in type and paper at least equal to the specimens now furnished, to be bound up with the Confession of Faith and Forms of the Church, upon the terms proposed by them, granting to them the free use of the copy-right for the same; the books to be sold, bound in sheep, at twenty-five cents, and in extra cloth, at thirty-one cents per copy.

Extract from the Minutes,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Clerk*.

Resolved, That in addition to the above, it be referred to the Board of Corporation, to make arrangement with the Messrs. Mentz, to have the Constitution bound up with as many copies of the small sized Psalm-book as may be required, upon equitable terms, and so as not to impair the existing contract with Messrs. Mentz, respecting the Psalm-book.

Resolved, That the publication of the Constitution, by Messrs. Mentz, be under the supervision of the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., George W. Bethune, D. D., and James B. Hardenburgh, D. D.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Cornelius Heyer, President; Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, William B. Crosby, and Rev. John Knox, D. D., Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The following report was received from the delegate to attend the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Newark, June 1, 1840.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The undersigned, delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, respectfully reports—That he attended the session of the above-mentioned Synod, which met in the city of Pittsburgh, on the 14th August, 1839. Your delegate was received and treated with distinguished consideration, the Synod rising and offering the hand of fellowship and fraternal affection, when he was introduced. An opportunity was given him to address the reverend Synod in reference to the state of the Reformed Dutch Church, and to assure them of the cordiality with which its General Synod has opened this correspondence. He was responded to by the Rev. Dr. Wylie, especially called to the chair for that purpose, in a speech not only replete with wisdom and eloquence, but expressive of the warmest admiration of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the pleasure with which they welcome its delegate, and would reciprocate its friendly attentions. The proceedings of the reverend body were conducted with great harmony and propriety; important subjects were discussed in the spirit of Christian meekness and love, and a commendable zeal for the purity as well as enlargement of the church was manifested. The body is small but united in heart, and aiming at the glory of God, through Jesus Christ. They have a wide field of usefulness opened before them, and an encouraging prospect of increase and prosperity.

RANSFORD WELLS.

The following report was received from the delegate to attend the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The undersigned, in behalf of himself and his associate, the Rev. Dr. Ludlow, begs leave to report, that according to the ap-

pointment of Synod, they attended the annual session of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, held in the city of Philadelphia, September, 1839.

Your delegates were received with every evidence of fraternal kindness. They have also great pleasure in saying, that our sister church is steadily pursuing, with Christian zeal, the paths of duty and usefulness which the providence of God has opened before them.

Signed, GEO. W. BETHUNE.

New-York, June 3, 1840.

A letter was received from the Rev. John T. Presley, D.D. and William Wilson, relative to the Convention for the promotion of Christian Union, recently held at Pittsburgh, accompanied with a pamphlet containing the proceedings of said Convention, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Rev. William Wilson, who had been appointed a delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to the Synod, apologizing for his not attending at the present session ; which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Correspondence present the following as the result of their deliberations on those subjects which have come under their notice.

A letter from the Rev. John T. Presley, D. D., and the Rev. William Wilson, acting in behalf of a convention of Reformed Churches, together with a copy of the minutes of that body, have been placed in the hands of your committee. From these documents it appears, that the convention in question, is composed of delegates from the Associate Reformed Synod of the West, the Associate Reformed Synod of New-York, and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church ; that the object of it is to "devise measures for the promotion of the unity of the Church of God,

upon scriptural principles," and that this Synod is affectionately invited to take part, by delegation, in its deliberations.

By a reference to the Minutes of 1838, it will be seen that this subject was at that time under consideration in Synod, and that it was deemed expedient to decline the invitation then received, to mingle in the deliberations of this convention. The ground of this determination, on the part of Synod at that time, appears to have been, that they were not in possession of that information on the subject which was requisite to intelligent action.

Your committee are of opinion, that the same difficulty still exists. The precise object contemplated cannot be ascertained from the documents before us; neither does there appear to be any radical principles assumed, affording a well ascertained and common basis for ulterior action. Until these points are definitely and authoritatively settled by the judicatories composing the convention, there is, in the judgment of your committee, but a faint prospect of any beneficial results flowing from its deliberations.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That while this Synod fully appreciate the kindness and respect evinced toward them on the part of the Convention of Reformed Churches, by their affectionate invitation to this body to unite in their deliberations, they do not feel prepared, with their present views on the subject, to accede to the wishes of their brethren.

The subject of our correspondence with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, has engaged the attention of your committee. This correspondence was partially suspended, by the action of Synod, in the year 1838. This action grew out of the peculiar circumstances in which that church was at that time placed. Those circumstances are now changed, and therefore your committee would recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That in accordance with the articles of correspondence, existing between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church,

this Synod proceed to appoint delegates to attend the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to convene in the year 1841, in the city of Philadelphia, in the 7th Presbyterian Church.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. LEE, JR., *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, Synod proceeded to choose the same, when the Rev. George H. Fisher, and Jacob Broadhead, D. D. were chosen *Primarii*, and the Rev. Ferdinand H. Vandeveer, and William S. Heyer, were chosen *Secundi.*

The committee to conduct the correspondence with the United Associate Church of Scotland, presented the following report, accompanied with the Minutes of the last session of the General Synod of said church.

The chairman of your Committee of Foreign Correspondence, begs leave to report, that according to your instructions, he forwarded the letter prepared by your Committee, to the venerable the General Synod of the United Associate Church of Scotland.

It was received by that reverend body with great respect, and, as will appear from the Minutes of that General Synod, which I herewith transmit to you, a Committee consisting of Dr. Professor Brown, Professor Duncan, and Dr. Ritchie, was appointed to prepare a suitable reply to our Synod.

That reply has not yet reached me, for reasons which I cannot discover. It may have miscarried.

Should it arrive after the dissolution of the Synod, would it not be best, as you have hitherto done, to authorize your Committee to publish the reply from the General Synod of the United Associate Church, in the Christian Intelligencer, while the original copy will be retained to be placed before the General Synod, next year?

Your present committee consists of the subscriber, chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Ferris, and the Elder, Gov. Vroom.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 15, 1840.

It is respectfully suggested to the General Synod, that they appoint a new Committee of Foreign Correspondence, or re-appoint the present one. It is proper, and indeed necessary, that *two* of the committee be residents of this city, in order that they may, without loss of time, easily correspond with each other, on the business entrusted by you to them.

W. C. B. *Ch.*

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence use their discretion in publishing the reply from the United Associate Church of Scotland, when it shall arrive.

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be re-appointed.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to choose the same, when the Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D., and the Elder, William B. Crosby, were chosen *Primarii*, and the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and the Elder, Elisha Wells, were chosen *Secundi*.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports on the State of the Churches.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee of arrangements, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., Richard D. Van Kleeck, and Nicholas I. Marcellus, and the Elders, Thomas Lippincott and Cornelius R. Suydam.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer meeting be held every morning during the present session, at 6 o'clock, in the lecture room of the Franklin street Church.

The committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

It is refreshing to turn from the excitement and weariness of our more secular matters, and to cast our eyes over the length and breadth of that portion of the vineyard of the Lord committed to our charge. Forgetting for a few moments all other questions and business, we pause to weep together for the desolations of Zion, or to rejoice together in her prosperity. Whatever differences of opinion we may entertain on other subjects, here we meet upon common ground, and with common sympathies.

Eighteen hundred years ago the ministers of Christ were directed to the harvest-fields of the church; and now, looking from our present position abroad upon the departments of labor endeared to us by our tears and prayers, we still find them demanding the unceasing care and industry of the husbandmen. Harvest after harvest has been reaped and gathered into the garners of eternal blessedness; multitudes upon multitudes of laborers have entered into the joy of their Lord, while we are left to imitate their example, to endure their trials, to be animated by their hopes.

To the eye of sense, the progress of the kingdom of God, to its final glory, seems slow indeed. The comparative weakness of the instruments employed to advance its interest and insignificance of the victory gained over sin and death, might well discourage those who are accustomed to *walk by sight*. But the ministry, and means of grace are not to be viewed through the dim medium of human calculation. With him to whom a thousand years are but as a day, the process of a world's redemption is being carried forward with all the energy and certainty of Almighty wisdom. In his plans of grace, as in his ways of providence, the mightiest efforts of God's benevolence are not in the whirlwind, or in the fire, but in the stillness of a voice which penetrates, pervades, and controls, wherever it comes. The whole plan of redemption is an exhibition of the triumphs of what the world calls weakness over all the pride of earthly strength. Who would have thought had he stood beside the cross where the bleeding and marred form of the man of sorrows hung upon it, that from that cross was to issue life, eternal life to a dying world, and that that instrument of shame and suffering was to become the emblem of glory and happiness to rejoicing millions of the human family?

We are obliged to strengthen our faith with these reflections before we venture to congratulate the church upon the labors and success of the past year. So little has been accomplished, so much remains to be done, that it would seem like presumption and arrogance to speak of success in the midst of so many discouragements. But, when we call to mind, that God's word, like the snow and rain, shall not return to him void; if, like the small drops, or the light flakes, it descends too often unnoticed and forgotten, yet shall it leave somewhere an impress for eternity. Terrible, indeed, in this view, is the responsibility of preachers and hearers. It is not then only to view the apparent success of the ministry, that we collect the religious statistics of the church, but it is to deepen our sense of past remissness, and to quicken the professing people of God to greater diligence in the divine life.

The reports from the particular Synods of Albany and New-York, although deficient in details, yet speak encouragingly of the state of the churches within their bounds. The classes of Albany, Greene, Schenectady, Ulster and Montgomery, report especial outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon the churches under their care. As no particulars are received from the Particular Synods of the progress or extent of the work of grace among them, we are deprived of the satisfaction which would be derived from presenting at this time a more minute account of the state of the churches under their care; but they have received information that in various places an unusual attention to the subject of religion has prevailed. From the reports of the churches, we learn that nearly twelve hundred persons have been added to them during the last year, upon confession of their faith; and also that there are now under a course of Sabbath school instruction, about thirteen thousand children.

The various benevolent objects of the church, we regret to find, are not sustained with the liberality becoming its resources, or required by its exigencies. Complaints are made by the Missionary and Education Boards of the General Synod, of the want of funds to carry out their plans for advancing the cause of Christ at home and abroad. These things ought not so to be. The first duty of a Christian is to consecrate himself, and all that he has, to the service

of his Redeemer, and to imitate Him who gave heaven's costliest treasure for sinful man. The silver and the gold are the Lord's, and every Christian is required not only to curtail the luxuries of life, but even to deny himself many of its common enjoyments, that he may abound in liberality.

The spirit of missions is the cherished spirit of the church of God in all ages. To impart to others the light and joy of the gospel, is the first desire of a heart turned from the idols of life to the love of Jesus. We rejoice that this spirit, in a measure, remains with us, and that whenever the churches are appealed to on this subject, their response is made with the ardor and zeal of those who feel their responsibilities for many and unmerited favors. It is desirable, however, that the missionary enterprize should not be subject to the fluctuations of a transient zeal. The supplies for this object should be constant and unceasing. As our churches multiply and converts are increased, the different channels of benevolence should be enlarged, and send forth, from year to year, a larger supply for the wants of sinful, degraded man.

This has not hitherto been the case, and this defect might properly awaken the inquiry whether the spirit of worldliness and covetousness is not too prevalent among us. The increase of our church has always been more gradual than that of others; but this is in a great measure owing to our scanty supply of ministers at a time when new fields of labor were more immediately around us than at present. Now, however, we do not labor under this disadvantage; the blessing of God upon our college has swelled the streams which make glad the city of God, and many laborers will soon be ready to go forth to spread in various directions the truth as we believe and love it.

We have now two hundred and thirty-two churches, and two hundred and twenty-seven ministers in our connexion, and if each church will come up to the help of the Lord as its means may warrant, great things may soon be spoken of our department of the household of faith. Many of these churches are feeble, and will require the aid of those who are more wealthy and established; still there are many cases in which by more vigorous efforts on the part of these churches themselves, the gospel might be more efficiently sup-

ported among them. It is a lamentable and shameful fact, to which the attention of the church generally should be called, that a large proportion of the ministers of Jesus Christ are placed in situations in which it would seem as if those who ought to minister to them in temporal things, suppose that the miracle of the loaves and fishes is a standing provision for the ministry. Many a faithful pastor awakens from the toils of the Sabbath to the realities of worldly cares and anxieties about the support of his family, which might be relieved, if each of his people were to appropriate to his support the value of some useless toy, or the cost of some pernicious habit. In forty years we have only added one hundred and twenty-five churches to our connexion. Although we have not increased in numbers and extent as rapidly as many other of the Christian denominations of our country, yet we have thus far enjoyed more harmony and peace than some of them. These, however, can only be continued by unremitting watchfulness, lest there be any *root of bitterness* springing up among us. By a sincere and jealous love for the doctrines of our church, and a constant diligence to exemplify their power in our lives, we may hope to preserve the *unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.*

We trust that pure religion is increasing throughout the world; but, let us not mistake the external appearance of the church's prosperity for its real vigor and purity. The history of the past should convince us, that it is not when she rejoices most in the splendor of her garb, and the multitude of her admirers, that the visible church is most lovely in the sight of God. Her time of greatest danger is, when the distinctive features of her loveliness, her zeal for the truth, and her self-denial, become mingled with the world's pride, its ostentation, and its luxury. The judgments of God have been abroad in our land for several successive years; the pestilence, the fire, the tempest, have been commissioned to chastise a people too much disposed to turn their liberty into licentiousness, and their abundance into motives and excuses for covetousness. Those fearful messengers of wrath and woe have spoken to the churches, and let them not *turn again to folly.*

A circular, addressed to the General Synod, by the Executive Committee of the New-York State Temperance Society, has been

referred to your Committee on the State of Religion. It properly says, "In our sanctuaries, we rest, under God, our best hopes for the triumphs of temperance." We respond to the sentiment—the pulpit is consecrated to the best interests of man, and we hope that the ministers of our church will not cease to add their efforts to those of the wise and good of our country, in driving from it one of the most successful and desolating vices that have ever afflicted our world. But let them not forget, let not the church forget, that the growing love of display, and eager haste to be rich, which, for the last few years have been making rapid advances upon us, are not less to be dreaded than more unpopular vices, and unless the voice of alarm is heard still more decidedly than ever, proclaiming the wrath of God against the unrighteousness of man, the church itself will become the earliest victim of its own supineness. Under the Old Testament dispensation, the splendor and costliness of religious services, shadowed forth the more spiritual adornments of a simple and humble worship. The gospel requires, that the beauty of holiness constitute the glory of the Lord's house.

The church needs to be reminded of this. Her relations and destiny are too frequently lost sight of by those who enjoy the privileges of her communion. They yield too easily to the habits and spirit of the world. She is a light shining in darkness, until all darkness shall be driven to the abodes of eternal night. Let her members therefore act as children of the day. There must be greater advancements made in the holiness of the church before she can assume her true position even in this world. The lines which separate her from it, must be more deeply and distinctly drawn before she may go forth in becoming dress to meet the Lord and bride-groom.

Especially, and with a painful sense of our past remissness, are we, the ministers and elders of the church, reminded of these things. Every return of that period which brings us together in our General Synod, brings with it a voice from the tomb. One and another drops from our ranks; the forms, the voices of those whom we have been accustomed to meet on these occasions, are missed, and none of us asks where are they? The impressive language of silence speaks to our inmost souls; an eloquence too mighty for

words, gives the departed the tribute due from the living to the dead. And, although no voice speaks it, our resolution is to prepare to meet our God. During the last year, the Rev. Mr. Van Horne, the Rev. Eli Baldwin, the Rev. David S. Bogart, Rev. Isaac Fisher, and Alvah Neal have been called to give an account of their stewardship. The places which once knew them shall know them no more for ever. Another year, and some of *us* may have our names announced for the last time in this assembly from the roll, not of the living but the dead—transferred from the church on earth to the assembly of the first born in heaven.

It was the dying words of the eminently useful Richmond, "We are but half awake." It is even so. The desolating tide of sin is sweeping by us, carrying with it its myriads to eternal woe. The energies of earth and hell are combined for man's destruction. We, as watchmen and soldiers, are to alarm the unwary, to stem the current of sin; to resist the adversary. Our influence must be decided for good or ill, and yet how imperfectly we fulfil the duties of our high vocation. Our cry to the church is, "Brethren pray for us;" pray that we may be more devoted, more self-denying, more courageous than we have hitherto proved ourselves to be in the mighty contest against the God of this world.

It becomes us all to keep constantly before us the loftiest aims and hopes of the gospel. The shadows of earth are fading around us. Even while we sit here in deliberation, tidings of sickness and death call one and another *of our number* from their places here to attend the dying bed or funeral of some member of their congregations. But, these events should only serve to raise us above transient things. The unfading joys of the upper sanctuary are before us. The latter day glory of the church appears to be rapidly hastening on. Fathers and brethren, ministers and people, let us, by patient continuance in well doing, secure, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, eternal life."

G. ABEEL, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd. On Confession	Communicants. Rec'd. On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bapt. Infants.	Bapt. Adults.	C. & B.C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B.C. Number in the Bible Class.	S. Schools. Number of Schools.	S. Schools. Number of Scholars.	S. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	*Post Office Addresses.*
New-York,	John Knox, W. C. Brownlee, I. De Witt, I. E. Vermilye,	475	2850	1120	41	73	20	1	20	1193	52	7		120	4	450		310 Fourth st. N.York. 366 Greenwich st. " 62 Walker st. " 10 Albion Place.
Franklin street,	Vacant.																	
Broome street,	S. A. Van Vranken,	235	1300	393	8	8	10	1	2	398	11	1	120		2	170	140	418 Broome st, "
Houston street,	I. S. Demund,				2	7	9		2		3		60	8	1	110	80	48 Macdougal st.
Greenwich,	N. I. Marselus, S. C.	300	1600	419	11	26	18		11	427	29	1	192		2	323	231	54 Hammond st. "
Twenty-first street,	E. H. May,	50	250		5	23			1	35	18		60		2	120	60	22d st. near Avenue 8.
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	63		47	5	1	3	2	1	48	6				1		40	Av. 8 and 49th st.
Harlaem,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	115	450	100	10	5	2		1	110	6	2			1	95		Harlaem.
Fordham,	P. I. Van Pelt,	82	320		3	2					12				1	53		West-Farms.
Tarrytown,	G. Dubois,	87	435	113	3	10	2		1	123	7	1	60	20				Tarrytown.
Unionville,	W. S. Moore,	53	260		1	2				51	3				1			Tarrytown.
West-Farms,	Vacant.	31								33			25		1	120	75	
Staten-Island,	J. Brownlee,			132	15	1	3		4	141	13	4		26	1	65		Cityville, Staten Island.
Ger. Reformed Church,	Vacant.																	
Germ. Evang. M. Ch.	Vacant.			160	102		4		2	256	25	1	25	55	2	300	250	

Ministers without charge—Rev. C. C. Vermeule, D. D., A. I. Labagh, G. Bourne, J. Mulligan, J. S. Ebaugh, J. Rudy, and C. C. Van Arsdale.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Ch. of Tompkinsville,	John E. Miller,	72	360	94	2	1	3	1	2	91	14	1	47		1	115	70	Tompkinsville.
South Dutch,	John M. M'Auley,	120	700	164	12	6	2		4	176	14	1			1	150	100	20 Warren street.
Market street,	Isaac Ferris,	220	1300	422	20	5	23		3	421	13	4	100	50	1	200		202 East-Broadway.
Church of Washington square,	J. M. Matthews, M. S. Hutton,	65		98	6	15	2		3	114	15		50	30	1	118	100	Washington-Place.
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,			82	13	11	5	1	1	99	5		130	118	3	305	250	395 Fourth street.
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	83	390	114	2	7	2		2	119	17		30		1	90		Bushwick.
Courtlandt-town,	C. D. Westbrook,																	Peekskill.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
New-Brunswick,	S. B. Howe,				10	7	18	3	2	330	14	1						New-Brunswick.
Six Mile Run,	J. C. Sears,	140	1075	226	10	4	4		3	236	15	6	150		6	280		Six Mile Run.
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,																	Millstone.
1st Somerville,	A. Messler,	180	990	313	6	7	4		5	317	20	1	100					Somerville.
2d Somerville,	T. W. Chambers,	100								156	14		68	39	4			Do.
Bedminster,	Vacant.																	Pluckemin.
North Branch,	J. K. Campbell,																	North Branch.
Rockaway,	Vacant,																	Whitehouse.
Lebanon,	C. P. Wack,																	Lebanon.
Spottswood,	J. C. Van Liew,	150	600	123	5	4	3		3	126	8	4	20		4		75	Spottswood.
Freehold,	A. A. Marcelus,	150	750		10	2			3		19	1		30				Freehold.
Middlebush,	J. A. Van Doren, S. C.	65	386	84	6	2	3		1	88	5		50		3	100	85	New-Brunswick.
Middletown,	Wm. Reiley,				4	9	10				3	1						Holmdel.
Fairview,	Vacant,	60	300	52		13				65								Fairview, Ill.
Middletown Village,	J. B. Crawford,	34	220						1	27	8		25		1	65		Middletown.

Ministers without charge—J. S. Mabon, J. I. Schultz, J. T. Beekman, J. F. Morris, A. D. Wilson, S. Ostrander, James Otterson, P. S. Williamson, and Charles Whitehead.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation	In Communio per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bergen,	B. C. Taylor, S. C.	250	1400	226	7	6	4		10	225	26		25	35	1		100	Bergen, Hudson Co. N.J.
English Neighborhood,	P. Duryea,	80	355	81	4	1			1	85	6	2	15	25	2	80	70	Eng. Neighborhood "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner,	125	550	122	4	3	4		2	123	22		60	20	1	80	60	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg,	M. Osborne,	156	730	159	2	2	2		4	157	13		20	10				Kinderkamack, "
Belleville,	J. Garretson,	140	700	163	3	12	4		5	169	11		130	89	3	270	224	Belleville, Essex Co. "
Jersey City,	M. Lusk,	75			8	8		2	1		7	3	50		2	150	85	Jersey City, "
Bergen Neck,	J. C. Boice,	85	450	50	8	1	1			58	18			20	3	175	150	Cor. Nassau & Ann, N.Y
Newark,	R. Wells,	160	800	200	4	17	17		2	202	15		150			220		Newark, Essex Co. N.J.
Clintonville,*	Vacant.	24	100							15	2				1	70	55	Isaac Watkins, Camptown, N. J.

* This church organized Feb. 16, 1840.

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, J. Ennis.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Stonehouse Plains,	A. C. Hillman,	83	375	27	1					28	5		35	6	1	50		Bloomfield, Essex Co.
Pompton,	H. Doolittle,	165	1000	140						139			150		4	150	150	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains,	G. C. Schenck,	165	940	132	3	4		1	2	136	15		7		5	200	150	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Ponds, Preakness, Wyckoff,	Z. H. Kuypers,																	Paterson, "
Fairfield,	J. Wilson, S. C.	120	600	128	1	3				132	11				1	50	40	Caldwell, Essex Co.
Montville,	J. S. Lord,	130			2				2	60	10				1	60		Montville, N. J.
Little Falls,	J. Wilson,	110	550	28	3	2	1			32	8				1	60	50	Little Falls, "

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Tappan,	Isaac D. Cole,	160	800	176	4		6		2	172	23		25	25				Tappan, N. Y.
Clarkstown	Peter I. Quick,																	Clarkstown.
Saddle River and	John Manley,	115	522	105	12				3	114	17		28		1		20	Pascack, Bergen Co. NJ.
Pascack,		150	607	95	1	2		1	1	96			20		1		70	
Paramus,	W. Eltinge,				10						16				1		60	Aquacknonk, N. J.
1st R. D. C. of Totowa,	Ebenezer Wiggins,	160	739	151	7	4	6		7	156	11						117	Paterson, "
2d do do	John H. Duryea,	150	600	190	6	7	1	2	4	196	21		80		1	180	200	" "
West New-Hempstead & Ramapo,	Peter Allen,	76	352		2	2	1		3	69	8				1			Ramapo, N. York.
		69	307	61	20	3	1	1	5	79	23		8		1			
Aquacknonk,	Wm. R. Bogardus,	210	1150	208	9	4	4		5	212	23	2			6			Aquacknonk. [N.Y.
Warwick,	James W. Stewart,	95	555	63	9	3	2		7	73	5	2			1		65	Warwick, Orange Co.
Nyack,	Philip M. Brett, S. C.	66	300	45	3	11				59	6			15	1		50	Nyack, Rockl'd Co. NY.
Piermont,		50	200		5	3				23	1							Tappan Sloat.

Minister without charge—J. J. Christie.

CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Brooklyn,	Maurice W. Dwight,	135	800		7	3	8				14	2	20	40	4	300	250	Brooklyn.
New-Utrecht,	R. Ormiston Currie,	85	475	113	6	2	1		1	119	9		60	50	2	145	120	New-Utrecht.
Gravesend,	Isaac P. Labagh,	103	550	65	2		1			66	10		60		1	60	50	Do.
Flatlands,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	70	450	100	5	1	5		4	97	9	1	40	30	2	100	80	Flatbush.
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	100	650	133	7	2	5			137	12	4	25	25	2	140	115	Do.
New-Lots,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	50	300	61	10		7		2	62	5		20	20	1	60	50	Do.
Williamsurgh,	Wm. H. Van Doren,	60	350			8			1	85	3			20	2	140	120	Williamsburgh.
Newtown,	G. I. Garretson,	80	475	106	4	3	*9			101	13		45	30	3	140	120	Newtown.
Jamaica,	J. Schoonmaker, D.D.	160	950	150	20	2	2		1	169	22	2	50	60	4	110	90	Jamaica.
North-Hempstead,	William R. Gordon,	54	250	60	6	2	2	1		66	8	1	20					Manhasset, Cedar-Swamp.
Oyster-Bay,	Robert A. Quin,	60	350	82	2	1				85	3		18	27	1			
Central, Brooklyn,	Vacant.			48	15	19	3		1	78	4	2			1	80	60	Brooklyn.
Astoria,	Vacant.																	Astoria.
East New-York,	W. H. Campbell,	30	100			10				10					1	50	45	East New-York.

* Dismissed to connect with the new church at Astoria.

Ministers without charge—John Robb and James Demarest, S. C.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Readington,	J. Van Liew,	200	1000	236	12	3	4	2	4	243	34	3	100	75	7	300		Centreville, N. J.
Harlingen,	P. Labagh,	140	700	273	6	2	10		1	270	12		60	70	5			Harlingen.
New-Shannock,	G. Ludlow,	200	1000	195	8	4	2		1	204	16	1	125	80				Flaggtown.
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	125	625	193	6	4	2		4	197	7	3	18		4	115		Newtown, Pa.
1st Ch. Philadelphia,	J. B. Hardenburgh,	265	1325	480	48	8	11		7	518	29	17	125	100	4	600	450	Philadelphia.
2d " "																		
3d " "	Geo. W. Bethune,	100	650	100	31	16				147	10	11		28	2	215	140	Do.
Manayunk,	S. A. Bumstead,	50	350	140	13	2	12			143	4	2	28	40	1	130	100	Manayunk, Pa.
Roxborough,	do.	48	400	75	9			1		84	2		28	60	1	100	80	
Blawenburgh,	J. R. Talmadge, S. C.	88	560	150	6	10	5		1	160	7		65	60	5	190	160	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Mt. Pleasant,	J. R. Van Arsdalen,	65	310	61	10	3				74	9	5	25		1	30		White-House, Pa.
Clover-Hill,	Vacant,																	Clover-Hill, N. J.

Ministers without charge—John Ludlow, D. D., John Gosman, D. D., Amzi Babbit, and R. C. Clark, licentiate.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post-Office Addresses.
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Poughkeepsie,	Alexander M. Mann,				11	18	20	2	8	482	14	11	35	50	1	165	140	Poughkeepsie.
New-Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	700	196	3	4	2		3	198	2							New-Hackensack.
Rhinebeck,	James Lillie,				1	6	3		5		4			15		50		Rhinebeck.
Fishkill,	F. M. Kip, S. C.				9	5	6		4	129	7	4			1			Fishkill.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,	100	600	201	16	3	3		2	218	5	5			3			Fishkill.
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,	65	200	157	3	3	10		2	151	12		25		1		45	Fishkill Landing.
Linlithgow,	J. H. Van Wagenen,	165	1055	144	25	1	7	1		161	14	1						Livingson, Colum. Co.
Mount Pleasant,	Do.	75	475	27	1					28								
Hyde Park,	John C. Cruickshank,	65	400	112	5	3	2			118	12	1			1	40	30	Hyde-Park.
Greenbush,	H. Vedder,			100	2		2			100								Pine Plains.
Tagkanick,	Do.																	
Red Hook,	J. W. Hangen,				10													Upper Red Hook.
Germantown,	Do.																	
Red Hook Landing,	Vacant,																	
Glenham,			200															

Ministers without charge—Rev. F. B. Thomson, Missionary to Java. Rev. W. Cruikshank.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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1st R. D. Albany,	Vacant,	260	1350	360	17	8	4		5	376	15				1	160	130	Albany.
2d do do	I. N. Wyckoff, S. C.	269	1301	347	53	31	17	1	7	406	44	9	180		3	300	210	do
3d do do	E. Holmes,	100	500	117	14	13	2			142	12	5	50	65	1	160	120	do
Bethlehem,	S. Kissam,																	
Jerusalem,	do																	
Gibbonsville,	O. H. Gregory,	110	500	255	9	13	5		3	269	5	1						West-Troy.
Union,	S. V. E. Westfall,	96	559	90	2		2			90	12		17					Union.
Salem,	do	105	581	99				1	1	98	15		30					Salem.
2d Ch. Berne,*	Vacant,	61	363							93	8							East-Berne.
Westerlo,	A. B. Chittenden,	75	450	130	7	6	3		3	137	8	4	25	20	3	155	120	Westerlo,
Coeymans,	Vacant,	51	311															Coeymans.
N. Baltimore,	do	43	224															New-Baltimore.
Onisguethaw,*	do	60	404															Union.

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Ministers without charge—Rev. S: Van Santvoord, Reuben Porter.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	380	5	6	10	2	11	368	29	1			1	210	109	Schenectady.
Amity,	Vacant,	67	320	136	2	2	5		3	98	11	1			2			Visscher's Ferry.
1st Ch. Glenville,	Wilson Inglis,	161	860	166	4	7	1		1	175	6	1		105	7	270		Glenville.
Helderburgh,	J. B. Steele,	100		189			3		4	182	23				4	100		Guilderland Cent.
Niskayuna,	H. A. Raymond,	135	780	221	7	1			5	224	7	2	30	40	3	100		Watervliet Centre.
Boght,	Wm. Pitcher,	65	300	78	3	1			5	76			49	49	1			Cahoes.
2d Ch. Glenville,	Abm. I. Swits,																	Schenectady.
1st Ch. Rotterdam,	Vacant,																	
2d Rotterdam,	do																	
Princeton,	do																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. A. Yates, D. D., J. A. Yates, D.D., John Nott, H. B. Stryker, S. C., Thomas Romeyn, R. J. Blair.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Hudson,	G. H. Fisher, S. C.																	Hudson.
Claverack,	Richard Sluyter,	205	1450	390	6	4	5		4	293	18	2			5			Claverack.
Ghent,	P. S. Wynkoop,	100		225		1	9	1	3	213	12							Ghent.
Hillsdale,																		
Kinderhook,	John C. Vandervoort,			375	16	4	12			383	17				7	350		Kinderhook,
Stuyvesant,	A. N. Kittle,	100	500	105	6		2	1	2	106	8							Stuyvesant.
Schodack,	John Gray,	300		250	2	2	11	2	2	210						150	100	Schodack Landing.
Nassau,	John P. Knox,	160	850	223	9	9	1	3	5	232	13				3			Nassau.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimpson,	250	1525	296	6	2	2		2	300	18				4			Schodack Centre.
Blooming Grove,	J. Middlemas,																	Defriestville.
Mellenville,*																		

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Ministers without charge—Rev. Dr. Sickles, Henry Heermance, and Peter Van Zandt.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Schoharie,	Samuel Robertson,	155		210	6	8	6		2	216	10	3			5			Schoharie, C. H.
Middleburgh,	Joshua Boyd,																	Middleburgh.
1st Church, Berne,	R. D. Van Kleeck, S.C.	140	900	147	4		3			148	4		20		4	200	175	Berne, Albany co.
Beaverdam,	do	120	720	123	13	3			2	137	13	2			2	160	120	do
Gilboa,	C. Bogardus,	40			2	1	1				3				1		70	Gilboa.
Conesville,	do	30			2	1					1							Jonesville.
Sharon,	Thomas Frazer,	100		129	10			2	4		10	2			2			Gardnersville.
New-Rhinebeck,	Vacant,																	Lawyersville.
Cobleskill.	do															60		Cobleskill.
Breakabin,	do																	Breakabin.
Blenheim,*	do																	Blenheim.
Schoharie Mountain,	do																	Punchkill.

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Ministers without charge—Rev. E. Doty, Missionary to Borneo, J. E. Quaw and H. E. Waring, Missionaries to the West.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Florida,	Jas. Stevenson,	140	840	185	44	1	7		7	216	12	12						
Stone Arabia,	Benj. B. Westfall,	160	1037	187	19	2	2		3	202	40							
Caughnawaga,	J. D. Fonda, S. C.			173	5	3					13	1			5	150		
St. Johnsville,	Abm. H. Myers,	150	750	190	12	3	3		2	200	16		20	20	3	140	85	
Manheim,	Paul Weidman,	98	720		1	1	4		3		12				2	60		
Fort-Plain,	John P. Pepper,	110	400	84	14	3	2			99					1	80	55	
Glen, Auriesville,	C. Jukes,	30	400	42	12	9	2	2	4	55	5							
Herkimer,	J. P. Spinner, and	200	1200	301		8			2	305	20		30			50		
Frankfort,	J. Murphy,	50	200			3				28								
Mohawk,	do.	40	240															
German Flatts	J. P. Spinner,	100																
Mapletown,		80	450	60		1				59	5				1	30		
Fultonville					4	30				42		1						
Bowman's Creek,	J. L. Starks,																	
Charlestown,																		
Indian Castle,																		

Union Church, Currytown, Ephrata, Canajoharie, Columbia, Warren.

Ministers without charge—Rev. I. S. Ketchum, Mr. Michael, and Mr. Devoe.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post-Office Addresses.
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Bloomingdale,	Sup. by A. Fort,																	
Clove,	Vacant.																	
Dashville-Falls,	Sup. D. Van Olinda,																	
Esopus,	Abm. Fort,																	
Flatbush,	P. A. Overbagh and J. Brodhead, D. D.	100	550		5	4	2			170	16		50		3	100		Saugerties.
Guilford,	Wm. Brush,	130	780	68	4	1				73	18		75	60	4	175		Tuthill Town.
Hurley,	O. Harriman,	78	320	92		3	1			91				20	1	100	50	Hurley.
Kingston,	John Lillie,	245			10	13	13	1	6	43	15	1		40	1	100	50	Kingston.
Kaatsban,	H. Ostrander,																	Saugerties.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.	200	1200	129	1	1	4	2	4	121	6		100		2			Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	D. Van Olinda,	225	1300	195	9	2	1		3	199	20							New-Paltz.
Platekill,	Vacant.																	
Rochester,	J. F. Mesick,	325	1863	230	3		7		3	223	25		54		6	271	188	Accord.
Saugerties,	Vacant,																	Saugerties.
Shokon,	S. Harlow,				12	9			3	101	17	1		20	1	20		Caseville.
Woodstock,	N. Bogardus,																	Woodstock.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.	80	400	117	3	1			5	116	9		45		2	50		Walden.
Bloomingburgh,	S. Van Vechten,			248	1		1		4	244	6							Bloomingburgh.
Montgomery,	Robert P. Lee,	250		435	17		11		5	436	30	2	171	120				Montgomery.
Shawangunk,	J. H. Bevier,	220	1300	153		3	2		3	151	21		130	100	6	259	200	Bruynswick.
New Prospect,	J. T. Demarest,	89				5			1	95	7		60	15				Ulsterville.
Deerpark,	C. C. Eltinge,				5	2	1			123	5	4						Port Jarvis,
Minisink,	S. B. Ayres,	110		126	2		2			126	2	1		164	1			Montague, N.J.
Wallpach,	Vacant.	250	1500	163	1	2	2		2	157	5							
Newburgh,	F. H. Vanderveer,			43	1	6	2			47	6							Newburgh.
Walden,	J. M. Scribner,	60	320	13	20	10				43	5	1	42		1	65		Walden.
New Hurley,	Vacant.																	New-Hurley.
Warwarsing,	John W. Ward,				5	1					1	1		20	2			Ellenville.
Wurtsborough,	Vacant.																	Wartsborough.
Fallsburgh,	Vacant.																	Woodbourne.

Ministers without charge—Rev. John B. Hyndshaw, and A. Eggleson.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Geneva,	Gustavus Abeel,	85	500	127	8	3	7			131		2	60	20	2	100	90	Geneva.
Caroline,	John G. Tarbell,	70	350	68	2	3	3			69	9					70		
Ithaca,	J. C. F. Hoes,	112	500	169	4	17	8		2	180	13							Ithaca.
Arcadia,	Vacant,																	
Canastota,	do																	
Utica,	H. Mandeville,	131	655	203	4	14	6		2	219	9	2		40	1	120		Utica.
Cato,	Vacant,																	
Jamesville,	T. A. Ammerman.	44	220	31	4					38	1	1			1	50		Jamesville.
Tyre,	Wm. Gray,	55		29		16				45	4				1	75		
Farmersville,	Benj. Bassler,	100	525	80	5	5	4		1	86	5	1	40		2	150		Farmersville.
Chittenango,	James Abel,																	Chittenango.
Lysander,	Vacant.																	Lysander.
Mount Morris,	Sup. J. Hammond,	35	120	12	4	6				22	8	1						Mount Morris.
Sandbeach,	do J. Morse,	50	300	75		6	8		1	66			20					Auburn.
Owasco,	Wm. Evans,	105	649	309	2	4	10	4		208	19			40				Owasco.
Buffalo,	Sup. J. Beattie,																	Buffalo.
Lodi,	J. A. Liddle, S. C.				11	7	3		3	197	29	2	152		7	280		Lodi.

Ministers without charge—Rev. C. Brown, G. Mandeville, P. Stryker, John Moule, J. F. Schermerhorn, John Beattie, J. Hammond, Elbert Nevius, missionary to Borneo, and the candidate S. Z. Goetches.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Catskill,	J. Romeyn,	140			6	7	3	1		180	16				1	120		Catskill,
Leeds and Kiskatom,	B. Hoff, S. C.																	Leeds.
1st Ch. Coxsackie,	Jeremiah Searle,																	Coxsackie.
2d Ch. Coxsackie,	W. Cahoone,	70	360		5	2	3			102	17	1			1	80		Coxsackie Landing.
Athens,	J. Wynkoop,																	Athens.
Prattsville,	Thos. B. Gregory,	170	850	160			2	1			3			25	1	62		
Roxbury, Moresville,	R. W. Knight,	45	60				5		2	53	1				1	40		

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Cohoes,	Vacant,	35	250		3	11	3		2	25					1	65	50	Cohoes.
Easton,	Vacant.	55	290	70	3	1	2			72	3	1			1			N. Easton, Wash. Co
Fort Miller,	Vacant.	41	176	107		4	2		1	109	3			14	1	80	50	Fort Miller, do.
Tyashoke,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.	64	250	88	2	1	2		1	80				15	1	40	30	Buskirk'sBr.Wash.Co.
Union Village,	B. Van Zandt,	90	300	155	2	4	1	3		157	14	1		15	3	125	100	Union Village do.
Jackson,	Vacant.	41	250	55											1	80	50	Battenville.
Northumberland,	Corns. Wyckoff,	48	240		1	4	1		2	45	1		22		2	100	75	Northumberland. [Co
Saratoga,	D. A. Jones,	66	250	85	9	2	6		3	87	8	4	15	15	1	55	35	Schuylerville, Saratoga.
Schagticoke,	H. M. Boyd,	50	250	83			6	1	1	76								Junction Office, Rens'r
Waterford,	Wm. Lockhead,	58	210	58						58					1	50	30	Waterford.
Wynants-kill,	E. Slingerland,	61	305	43									20		1	60	40	Winants-kill, Renss. co.
Gansevoort,	Vacant,	44	200							16	3							

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report—That on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, we find the following on page 26. An appeal, by the Classis of Orange, in the case of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, in which case the Particular Synod, at their special meeting, in November last, reversed a former decision of said classis.

On page 28, two appeals by Mr. Abraham Best, from decisions of the Particular Synod, on appeals, made by him from decisions of the Classis of Schenectady.

On pages 22 to 26, a long reference to this Synod, in relation to the striking out of the word "Dutch" from the name and style of our church.

On page 31, a strong recommendation in behalf of the missionary enterprize in the valley of the Mississippi to the kind and fostering care of the General Synod.

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, the following items are found.

On page 22, a reference on the subject of making more strict regulations respecting the proceedings of several churches, in supplying their pulpits with stated pastoral services, especially the introduction of foreigners into the church.

On page 23, a reference on the use of the forms of the church. Also, a reference on the subject of the specific duties of the Committee on Consistorial Minutes. Also, a reference in relation to the manner and extent of dealing with baptized members. Also, a reference on the subject of vacant churches being supplied by persons from Presbyterian and Congregational churches, and other places.

Your committee find nothing on the Minutes of the last General Synod which they deem it their province to report to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VAN WAGENEN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the appeals, noticed in the above report, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the alteration of the name and style of the church, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, John C. Cruickshank, and Philip Duryea, D. D., and the Elders Teunis Swart and Samuel Stryker.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of the missionary enterprize in the valley of the Mississippi, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That so much as relates to supplying vacant churches, and the introduction of ministers of other denominations into the church, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. James Romeyn, Isaac P. Labagh, and John C. Cruickshank, and the Elders, Wilhelmus Schuneman and Isaac Cortelyou.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the forms of the church for public worship, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. George Dubois, Philip Duryea, D.D., Oscar H. Gregory, and the Elders, Cornelius Ten Eyck and Martin Wyckoff.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the duties of Committees of Classes on Consistorial Minutes, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the manner of dealing with the baptized members of the church, when they arrive to the years of maturity, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. John Knox, D. D., Thomas De Witt, D.D., and Cornelius Bogardus, and the Elders Thomas Lippincott and John D. Keese ; and that they be instructed to report upon the subject at the next stated meeting of the General Synod.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Overtures, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes, as relates to the appeal of the Classis of Orange, from the decision of the Particu-

lar Synod of Albany, reversing their proceedings in the case of the Rev. S. Van Vechten, respectfully reports—

That the subject has been regularly brought before Synod, for their judicial investigation. All the papers and documents necessary for the prosecution of the appeal are contained in the Minutes of the Particular Synod, and in the Minutes of Classis, from which it appears that the Rev. Messrs. J. M. Ward and J. B. Ten Eyck have been appointed commissioners to defend their proceedings in the case.

As relates to the appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, refusing to sustain his second and third appeal from the Classis of Schenectady, your committee respectfully report—

That the subject has been regularly and constitutionally brought before Synod. The papers and documents which have been put into the hands of your committee, relating to the second appeal, are—1. The original complaint of Mr. Best to the Classis, against the Consistory of the Church of Amity. 2. The decision of the Classis in the case. 3. The appeal of Mr. Best, to Particular Synod, from that decision. 4. The proceedings of Particular Synod, refusing to sustain such appeal; and the appeal of Mr. Best, together with the reasons, from that decision to the General Synod. All which are herewith presented, to be read in the trial of the appeal, in the order in which they are here arranged.

The committee further report, that papers of the same character, in reference to the third appeal of Mr. Best, on his complaint against John Clute, have also been presented, which the committee recommend to be read in the same order.

Respectfully submitted,

N. I. MARSELUS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeals of Mr. Abraham Best, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, refusing to

sustain his second and third appeals from the Classis of Schenectady, which had been reported by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The President having announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business, the first appeal of Mr. Best was taken up. The appeal was tried in the following order, as prescribed by the last General Synod.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The appellant was heard by his counsel, the Rev. J. H. Van Wagenen.

5. The Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., one of the Commissioners of the Particular Synod of Albany, was heard in explanation of the ground of the decision of the Synod.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called, and the opinion of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded—

Resolved, That the appeal be not sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

Resolved, That the Rev. John Knox, D. D., Robert P. Lee, and the Elder Thomas Lippincott, be a committee to draw up the reasons for the decision of the Synod in this case.

The committee reported the following, which was adopted.

The appeal is not sustained, because it appears that the Consistory of the Church of Amity actually have commenced a course of discipline with the individual referred to in Mr. Best's appeal, and there is no evidence before the Synod that they have finally relinquished dealing with him.

Synod proceeded to consider the second appeal of Mr. Abraham Best. The following order was observed:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The appellant was heard by his counsel, the Rev. Isaac P. Labagh.

5. The Rev. John B. Steele, one of the commissioners of the Particular Synod of Albany, was heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called and the opinion of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded—

Resolved, That the appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, in the case of Mr. John Clute, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany be sustained.

The question being taken on this resolution, excluding those from a vote who had voted in the case, either in the Classis or Particular Synod, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

Synod proceeded to the consideration of the appeal of the Classis of Orange, from the Particular Synod of Albany, reversing their proceedings in the case of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten.

The President announced that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of judicial business.

The Rev. John M. Ward and James B. Ten Eyck were accredited as commissioners from the Classis of Orange, to defend their appeal.

The following order of procedure was observed in the trial of the case.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The Classis of Orange were heard in support of their appeal, by the Rev. J. M. Ward, one of their commissioners, and the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten, in person, and by his counsel, Rev. James Murphy.

5. The appellants were heard in reply by the Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, one of their commissioners.

The parties having withdrawn, the roll was called, and the opinion of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded—

Resolved, That the appeal of the Classis of Orange, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, be not sustained; because, in the opinion of Synod, the Rev. S. Van Vechten did not so refuse explanation of the points on which he was suspected, as to subject himself to suspension without trial, according to the provision of the formula.

The question having been taken upon this resolution, excluding those from a vote who had voted, either in the Classis or the Particular Synod, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The *ayes* and *nays* being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

John Knox,
C. R. Suydam,
C. D. Westbrook,
J. M. M'Auley,
S. H. Meeker,
C. N. Kiersted,
P. Goetchius,
A. Messler,
C. L. Hardenbergh,
R. Wells,
M. Lusk,
E. J. Danforth,
W. Eltinge,
J. Demarest,
J. P. Labagh,
M. W. Dwight,
J. Cortelyou,
G. W. Bethune,
J. Van Liew,
C. Ten Eyck,
J. C. Cruickshank,
J. H. Van Wagenen,
J. Lillie,
J. C. Everts,
A. Heermance,
B. Van Zandt,
E. J. Willett,
J. Van Vechten,
J. B. Steele,
A. Bloomingdall,
G. Abeel,
J. A. Liddell,
J. F. Schermerhorn,
G. S. Corwin,
T. B. Gregory,
J. Romeyn,
W. Cahoone—37.

NAYS.

G. Dubois,
N. Marselus,
A. Van Nest,
T. Lippincott,
W. B. Crosby,
J. A. Van Doren,
J. K. Campbell,
R. Voorhies,
P. Duryea,
A. Alston,
J. Manley,
J. D. Cole,
H. Cunningham,
J. R. Van Arsdale,
C. Van Vliet, Jr.
G. C. Schanck,
A. C. Hilman,
S. V. E. Westfall,
F. Markle,
C. L. Van Dyke,
W. Brush,
M. Schoonmaker,
J. P. Knox,
D. A. Jones,
T. Swart,
A. H. Myers,
C. Bogardus,
A. Millspaugh,
W. Schuneman,—29.

The Rev. Messrs. E. Holmes, R. D. Van Kleeck, E. P. Stimpson, H. B. Stryker, O. H. Gregory, J. P. Pepper, F. H. Vanderveer, and R. P. Lee, and the Elder, E. Smith, having voted in the Particular Synod or Classis, were excluded from voting on the above resolution.

Resolved, That in view of the circumstances of the case, the Classis of Orange be directed, unless the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten shall, by "further explanation," as contemplated in the formula, give them satisfaction respecting his orthodoxy on those points, respecting which there is sufficient ground of suspicion, (for which a full and fair opportunity shall be allowed him) to cause charges to be regularly tabled against him, and that they proceed to try the same in a constitutional manner.

The *ayes* and *nays* on this resolution being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

J. Knox,
N. I. Marselus,
A. Van Nest,
C. Ten Eyck,
M. Wyckoff,
J. C. Cruickshank,

C. R. Suydam,
J. M. M'Auley,
S. H. Meeker,
C. N. Kiersted,
W. B. Crosby,
A. Messler,
R. Wells,
M. Lusk,
P. Duryea,
E. J. Danforth,
W. Eltinge,
J. Demarest,
J. P. Labagh,
J. Cortelyou,
S. Smith,
G. W. Bethune,
J. R. Van Arsdale,
J. C. Everts,
A. Heermance,
C. Van Vliet, Jr.
G. C. Schanck,
D. A. Jones,
E. J. Willet,
T. Swart,
A. H. Myers,
R. D. Van Kleeck,
C. Bogardus,
A. Bloomingdall,
G. Abeel,
J. A. Liddell,
T. B. Gregory,
J. Romeyn,
W. Cahoone,—39.

NAYS.

G. Duboise,
C. D. Westbrook,
P. Goetchius,
J. A. Van Doren,
R. Voorhies,
C. L. Hardenbergh,
J. Manley,
J. D. Cole,
H. Cunningham,
J. Van Liew,
J. H. Van Wagenen,
A. C. Hilman,
S. V. E. Westfall,
E. Holmes,
F. Markle,
C. L. Van Dyke,
W. Brush,
M. Schoonmaker,
E. P. Stimpson,
J. P. Knox,
J. B. Steele,
H. B. Stryker,
J. F. Schermerhorn,
R. P. Lee,
F. H. Vanderveer,
A. Millspaugh,
E. Smith,
G. S. Corwin,
W. Schuneman,
T. Lippincott,—30.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

The committee to whom was referred the references from the Classes of Long-Island and Paramus, relative to vacant congrega-

tions, and the introduction of ministers of other denominations, and of foreigners into the church, reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the resolutions of the Classes of Paramus and Long Island, respecting the introduction of foreign ministers into the Reformed Dutch Church, respectfully report—That they recommend that the following regulations should supersede all previous legislation, and be the sum of their enactments on the subject.

Resolved, 1. That no licentiate, or ordained minister, from any other ecclesiastical body, shall be received into any Classis, until they shall have been fully satisfied, either by documentary evidence or examination of his competent literary qualifications; and by examinations in all cases in the presence of a deputatus, they shall also become fully satisfied of his competent theological attainments, his piety, soundness in the faith, and ability to teach; and shall have received his entire assent to the standards of our church as to doctrine and discipline.

Resolved, 2. That if any candidate or minister, applying for admission into any Classis, shall, in the judgment of Classis, have sought and obtained licensure or ordination from any ecclesiastical organization, for the sake of an easier admission into our church than upon the same terms enjoined upon our own students at New-Brunswick, it shall be considered a disqualification, to be removed only by a dispensation from General Synod.

Resolved, 3. That no licentiate shall be received as a candidate, under the care of Classis, or be privileged to minister in, or receive a call from our churches, unless he shall have spent the same amount of time in actual attendance on theological instruction that is required from our own students, and any deficiency in this respect shall be made up by study at our own seminary.

Resolved, 4. That it be enjoined on the standing committee (on doctrine) in the several classes, when a vacancy occurs, to send to such vacant church immediately, a list of the licentiates of our own seminary, and that they use their endeavors to procure for them an early hearing, and that it be recommended to the consistories of

our vacant churches, in all cases, promptly to endeavor to obtain their services.

Resolved, 5. That whenever a church becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Classis, to exercise guardianship over it, and when requested by the consistory, to supply it, as far as practicable, by their personal services, thus preventing the disorganizing influences of casual and indiscriminate ministrations, and that they maintain such a supervision over it, and minister such aid as is necessary to carry out the above resolutions, and such as a destitute church is entitled to claim from its very relations.

Resolved, 6. That no foreign minister be received on mere private letters of introduction or recommendation, but, that in all cases, full ecclesiastical certificates shall be required.

Resolved, 7. That no foreign minister shall be received by any Classis unless he shall have undergone a probation of one year, under the care of a Classis, and shall then present the same testimonials, and undergo the examination required by the first of these resolutions.

Resolved, 8. That these resolutions be inserted in some conspicuous place in the Minute-books of the respective Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

The following motion was made and seconded, on the reference from the Classis of New-Brunswick, on the subject of the duties of Committees on Consistorial Minutes.

Resolved, That, according to the Constitution, it is the duty of the Committee on Minutes of Consistories, to report for correction, adjudication, or advice, all matters which may demand the action of Classes.

Resolved, That the consideration of the above resolution be postponed to the next stated meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the use of the Forms of the Church, for the public worship, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the use of the forms, by our churches, beg leave to report—That, in the third chapter of the Constitution, article first, under the head of Customs and Usages, they find this subject is legislated upon as far as at present is necessary or expedient. Uniformity in our modes and forms of worship, so far as the same is obviously contemplated by the Constitution your committee believe to be important, and ought to be required of all our churches, and they recommend that the several Classes be enjoined to adopt prompt measures to secure the observance of these forms in all the churches under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DUBOIS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The First Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following report was received from the Board of Education of the Synod, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church respectfully report to Synod, that no addition has been made to the number of Scholarships reported last year. The plan, however, mentioned in their last report, and approved by the General Synod, for raising the amount of the Scholarships founded some time since to $2000 each, has been adopted, and is now in successful operation.

The Board have also the pleasure of informing Synod, that by the payment of the additional sum of three hundred dollars, Mr.

James Bogert has raised the amount of the Scholarship bearing his name, to two thousand dollars.

The scholarships, therefore, now endowed, and productive, are—1. Van Rensselaer. 2. Rutgers. 3. William Patterson Van Rensselaer, 4. Cornell. 5. Wyckoff. 6. Heyer. 7. Margaret Burgess. 8. John Clark. 9. Isaac L. Kip. 10. James Bogert. 11. Tannika Turk.

There have been, during the past year, forty-eight young men on our list of beneficiaries; four of them, we are sorry to say, have relinquished their studies, and withdrawn themselves from our institution, leaving on our funds forty-four young men, the report of whose good conduct, and attention to their studies, is such as will gratify the friends of Zion.

The last year has been one of peculiar anxiety, both to the beneficiaries and to the members of your board.

Not only has our treasury been entirely exhausted, but, from the very commencement of the year, there has not been a single month on which our treasurer was able to meet the demands made on him.

We have been compelled constantly to anticipate our funds, and still have been under the painful necessity, in many instances, of deferring for weeks the payment of our dues.

This has placed some of our beneficiaries in great difficulty, and in some instances interfered with the regular prosecution of their studies.

In former times we were enabled to borrow sums to meet such temporary difficulties, but, during the last few years, such facilities have been denied us.

The Board are indeed fully aware of the difficulty of making any arrangements to meet these circumstances, and would remark, that the only mode by which our treasury could be well supplied, is, by the churches making as early provision as possible for this object. Were the several churches also to appoint certain fixed periods for taking up their collections, an advantage would be gained by the Board, in enabling them to calculate with more certainty as to the times when they might expect their treasury to be supplied with the needed funds. But amid all our difficulties, a kind Providence has smiled upon us, and your Board would mention it as a subject of

devout thanksgiving, that we have been able to maintain our pledge and our principle, that the church will not refuse to sustain every proper candidate.

As will be seen by the report of the treasurer, the amount of receipts, during the year, is $4109.1, making, with the balance on hand, on the 1st June, 1839, $4414.62; and the expenditure has been $4432.73, thus making a balance against the treasury, of 18.11.

The treasurer's account also shows that there remains due to beneficiaries, on the 31st of May, the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, to which, if the amount borrowed from the treasurer of Synod, in advance, on scholarships, (being two hundred dollars) be added, it shows a deficit for the year of $538.11.

A letter has been lately received from the pastor of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Albany, informing us, that the Education Society in that church have paid to the beneficiary whom they have undertaken to support, the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars.

The following are the persons whose term of service expires: John Knox, D. D., Mr. Stephen Van Rensselaer, and Mr. John D. Keese.

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. S. HUTTON, *Cor. Sec'y.*

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education submit the following report—

The education of pious and gifted young men, with a view to the sacred ministry, at the charges, and under the inspection of the church, has become one of the vital subjects, to which the attention of the Synod is annually called.

To supply the continued wants of the churches in such a manner as not to impair our means to redeem pledges already given, and at the same time not to lower the standard of our ministry, requires from us a continual care to keep down the excess of our

pledges, above our means, by excluding such young men as may apply, when there is a prospect of a failure in the revenue to support them, and by rejecting and cutting off others who, upon an impartial judgment, may not promise to add to the credit and usefulness of our ministry.

It is a subject of mutual gratulation to us all, that the funds and means of the Reformed Dutch Church, to assist the young men already referred to, in their preparatory education, are so ample. A little increase of our yearly collections, with the accession now and then of a new scholarship, and due attention and regard to the admission and continuance of students among the sons of the prophets upon the funds and means provided therefor, will be all that can be judiciously and safely expended by us.

The Van Benschoten Fund, on the 1st June, 1840, amounted to,		$19,980 00
A balance in the hands of Treasurer,		1,165 84
Interest still due,		1,341 70
Amounting in all to		22,487 54
The amount of the Miss Knox Fund on the same date, is		2,000 00
Interest still due,	$120 00	
From which deduct balance due to the Treasurer,	72 14	
Leaves a balance of		47 86
		24,535 40
The plan for raising the amount of the scholarships meets with all reasonable success. Mr. James Bogert, Jr, with an enlarged and increasing liberality, by the payment of $300, has increased his scholarship to $2,000.		
The sums already invested in scholarships, amount to		21,700 00
All the moneys on hand, to June, 1840,		$46,235 40

The receipts of the Education Board, during the past year, from the revenue of the scholarships and the collections, amounted to the

sum of $4,109 1—to which, if we add the balance on hand 1st June, 1830, the sum amounts to $4414.62.

The expenditures of the Board amounted to $4432.73, leaving a balance due to the treasurer, of $18.11

Add to this sum what is due beneficiaries,	320.00
And the sum borrowed,	200.00
The Education Board is in debt,	$538.11

To meet the payment of this balance, reliance may be had on additional collections sent in, and the readiness of the church, upon a due knowledge of the fact, to come promptly to the aid of the Board.

Upon a review of the foregoing facts, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That the Board be instructed to exercise care not to impair their solvency to pay the appropriations already made, by taking any more beneficiaries on their funds, before the present debt is paid off, and a larger revenue be procured.

2. That the Board exercise a prudent economy, and a judicious retrenchment, by a careful selection from the applicants, the most promising, and if advisable, by striking from the list such beneficiaries as, by reference to the faculties of the literary and theological institutions, may be considered as standing in the way of objects more deserving the liberality of the church.

3. *Resolved*, That the Education Board be instructed to observe all such young men as may abandon the prosecution of their preparation for the ministry, or may retire to some other denomination, and demand from them the repayment of what they have received, and that in case of their failing to do so without satisfactory reasons, their names be published by the Board.

Your committee have, with no small degree of interest, examined the First Report of the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath School Union, referred to them.

This Union has been formed, and regularly organized, with the name of William Patterson Van Rensselaer, of Albany, as its President.

Conferences have been had, agreeably to invitations, in several of our respectable congregations, at which the expressions of approbation were highly gratifying and spirited. There was almost an unanimous approval of the organization of a Sabbath School Board by the General Synod, and a cordial manifestation of a hearty co-operation, to establish a more uniform system of Sabbath School instruction.

We are glad that the invidious system of rewards has been discouraged by the Board, not only from the consideration of the principles involved, but of the great expense which must necessarily attend it.

The report of this Board is full and ample, stating all their difficulties, and the desiderata in the commencement of their operations, and it well deserves a fuller notice than the report of a committee can give.

The Board regret the necessity of their being dependent on the depositories of foreign unions for religious books and books of elementary learning.

For the publication of such books, as well as for the payment of their debts, means are required; the Board therefore requests from the Synod the privilege of printing and publishing the Catechisms of the Church, Bible Questions, a Hymn-book, Spelling-book, and Primer.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adopting of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-school Union have permission to print and publish, with the imprimatur of a special committee, therefor appointed by the Board, the Catechisms of the Church, Bible Questions, a Spelling-book and Primer, and the expenses to be defrayed from their own funds.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Board have permission to appoint a special agent, for one year, to represent the cause of this Union, and to secure an annual revenue, for the support of this Union.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By order,

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. John Knox, D. D., and Messrs. Stephen Van Rensselaer and John D. Keese.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath School Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Frederic F. Cornell, Philip Duryea, D. D., Mancius S. Hutton, Abraham Messler, Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Jacob Schoonmaker, D. D., and Messrs. William P. Van Rensselaer, James Forrester, Jacob Brower, E. W. Conover, and E. I. Danforth.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following report was received from the committee appointed to raise funds for the support of the President of Rutgers College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The committee appointed by the last Synod, for the purpose of raising a fund for the support of the President of Rutgers College, begs leave to report—That it has not succeeded in the object of its appointment. Early attempts were made to prepare the way for a successful issue to the liberal designs of the Synod, but they were met by discouragements, which the financial revulsion of the country soon after perfected. Under these circumstances it was unanimously decided by those of the committee who could conveniently be assembled in the city, that any formal attempt at procuring subscriptions, could result in nothing but a signal failure. Accordingly, no such attempt has been made, and it is believed that no attempt could now be made with any prospect of success.

By order,

S. A. VAN VRANKEN, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 4, 1840.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Gustavus Abeel, Stephen H. Meeker, John H. Van Wagenen, and James Romeyn, and the Elders, William B. Crosby, Cornelius R. Suydam, Peter Goetchius, and Cornelius L. Hardenbergh.

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College beg leave to present to General Synod their Annual Report.

The Report recently received by them from the faculty is as follows:

"The number of students on the college roll of the current year, is sixty-eight. By the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Janeway, the institution has been deprived of his valuable services. Professor Beck's lectures on Chemistry commenced at the beginning of the winter session, and were continued till the 7th of April. The faculty have great cause to be thankful to God for the general good health that has pervaded the institution during the past year, and especially that the deportment of the students has been such as to exclude all exercise of the higher acts of discipline upon any. Although from various causes it might have been presumed that the number of students, during the past year, would be very much diminished, and confidence in the institution greatly impaired in those who continued within its walls, yet, by the overruling providence of God, our apprehensions in this respect have happily not been realized."

"For the supply of the means yet wanting to make the college in all respects what it may be, and we doubt not soon will be, this faculty confidently looks to the piety and Christian liberality of the members of the Dutch Church at large, and more particularly to the wisdom and magnanimity of the General Synod, so shortly to be convened."

In connexion with the above report of the state of the college, as received from the faculty, the undersigned, the superintendents of the college, respectfully submit to the Synod the conviction with which they are impressed, that, in order to the prosperity and advancement of the college, the confidence of the Synod, in the

trustees must so far exist as to leave with the trustees the responsibility of the direct supervision and control of the institution, and to yield to them the moral influence of the Synod's favor. The Board of Trustees is composed of persons, a large majority of whom are ministers and lay-members of the Reformed Dutch Church, and are persons whose devotion to her interests is not to be questioned. Under their administration the college has accomplished much. The faculty of arts is composed of eminent men, mature scholars, men of great experience and devoted industry. The young gentlemen who have been educated in Rutgers College, have reflected honor upon the institution. A large number of them are now among the most efficient of the ministry of the church, and others of them are distinguished in the other learned professions. The maintainance of the college and seminary appears to the undersigned to be essential, certainly to the union and prosperity, perhaps to the very continued existence of the Dutch Church in her distinct organization.

Frequent attempts at a change, in the organization of the college, and especially when such attempts are unsuccessful, exert upon it an injurious influence. A president, exclusively devoted to the college, would undoubtedly add to its efficiency. The sphere of instruction may be profitably enlarged. Increased endowments are imperatively required. At the same time, the college, as it exists, will compare favorably with the other colleges of the land. We earnestly desire, however, that it may be carried forward to the highest elevation, and with united counsels, under the divine blessing, the Dutch Church has the ability to make it all that its friends desire to see it. When the college was revived, there was a harmony and unity of view and of action. The same state of feeling existed when the transfer of property was made by the trustees to the Synod, and the same, we trust, will still be found to exist. The trustees are a permanent body; their meetings are frequent; they are devoted to the college and to the church, and the undersigned are unanimous in the persuasion, that the good of the college requires that the superintendence of the institution, the appointment of professors, and the administration of the funds directly applied to its support, should be left in the hands of the trustees.

That the events which have transpired within the last year have had a material as well as an unfavorable influence upon the college none can doubt. The promotion of its immediate prosperity, either in a literary or pecuniary point of view must very much depend, under Providence, upon the united counsels and vigorous efforts of the Synod and Board of Trustees. We say *united* counsels, for, without harmony of action between these two bodies, we feel the conviction, that under present circumstances, we may look in vain for the rapid growth of our institution. Without, however, reviewing in detail the position in which the Synod and the Board of Trustees now find themselves, we cannot but indulge the confident hope, that the united wisdom and energy of the two bodies, on which the college depends for support, will, even at this critical juncture, place the institution upon a permanent and successful basis.

SAMUEL B. HOW,
C. L. HARDENBERGH,
JOHN KNOX,
ABM. VAN NEST,
J. J. JANEWAY,
} *Sup'tendents.*

May 29, 1840.

The committee to whom the above was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the superintendents of Rutgers College, are aware of the importance and delicacy of the subject committed to them. It cannot be concealed, that a difference of opinion exists throughout the church, both as to the nature of the relation of Rutgers College to the General Synod, and also as to the advantages which the church has derived from that relation. In regard to the relation itself, it is contended by some, that the Board of Trustees of the College is a mere instrument, in the hands of the Synod, having no will of its own. On the other hand, it is claimed, that the trustees are an independent body, chartered for specific objects, and organized with suitable powers to carry out the intention of those who first originated the plan of the college, and secured its accomplishment by legislative enactment.

The history of the origin of the college, the intention of its founders, and the nature and effect of the compact at present existing between it and the General Synod, may aid us in our deliberations upon this subject. The college originated in a desire, on the part of certain members of the Dutch Church, to enjoy the advantages of an institution where their children would be properly instructed, and a learned ministry be furnished to the church. This was the especial object for which the charter was obtained. Heretofore young men had been sent out of the country to be educated, and it was considered a great grievance, by many, that the church had to depend upon foreign universities for its supply of ministers. All this is set forth, in express language, in the charter. It states, "that the inconveniences are manifold, and the expenses heavy, in either being supplied with ministers of the gospel, from foreign parts, or sending young men abroad for education; that the present and increasing necessity for a considerable number to be employed in the ministry, is great, that a preservation of a fund for the necessary uses of instruction, very much depends upon a charter."

In accordance with these views, the charter was granted to the petitioners in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

Here, then, were specific objects urged by those who first obtained the charter of Queen's, now Rutgers College. They wished to educate their sons at home, to provide suitable means for supplying the church with a learned ministry; and to secure the funds for this purpose, in the hands of trustees, who should be bound to use them according to the intentions of the original founders of the institution. In the charter it is expressly stated how these trustees shall be elected: "And, also, that the said trustees and their successors, in the manner above directed, as often as the place of any one or more of the said trustees shall become vacant, by the death, removal, or immoral conduct of any one of the members, (which conduct shall be determined by the trustees, or the majority of them,) shall and may elect and appoint in the manner before directed, such other trustee or trustees, to supply the place of him or them so dying, or otherwise becoming unfit or incapable to serve the said college."

Here are rights guaranteed to the trustees expressly to enable them to continue, for future generations, the plans and objects of the institution, without the control or interference of any who might be disposed to direct its funds to other purposes. To attempt any alteration of the charter so as to lessen the number of the trustees, or to remove any of them for other reasons than those specified therein, would undoubtedly be contrary to the intentions of those who have committed this institution to the guards and restrictions of chartered rights.

The college did not, for many years after its charter was obtained, answer the hopes of its founders; it gradually declined, and its exercises were finally suspended. At different intervals, the attention of the church was directed to it, with the hope of reviving it, and making it subservient to the interests of the cause of religion and truth. These efforts were attended with little success until the year 1825. It may be proper here to remark, that in all these attempts, the trustees were treated as a co-ordinate and independent body. Committees were appointed by General Synod to confer with committees from the Board of Trustees, and all acts were performed by mutual agreement between the two bodies as between parties having mutual and unalienable rights. Indeed, we find upon the minutes of Synod, in 1817, a reference to some attempts to *remove* the theological seminary from the college, and in the report which speaks of that attempt there is an express acknowledgment that such a separation could not take place without the consent of the trustees.

In 1825, another and more successful effort was made to revive the literary and theological department of Rutgers College. The main features in this plan were as follows:

1. The General Synod allowed the trustees the use of such parts of the college-edifice as should be designated and pointed out by the professors as necessary for the said exercises during their continuance.

2. The professors of the theological college were to have such literary duties assigned them, in Queen's College, by the General Synod, as the Synod should deem best calculated to promote the mutual interests of both institutions.

3. The trustees of the college should appoint the professors of languages, and of mathematics, and thereafter appoint such additional professor or professors, with the advice and consent of the Synod, as might become necessary, and the funds and income of said college would warrant.

4. One of the professors of the theological college should be appointed the president of Queen's College by the trustees.

5. The income of the funds, arising from the donations of Rev. E. Van Benschoten, and Miss R. Knox, deceased, was to be applied to the support of indigent students in the literary and theological departments of the college, according to such regulations as the General Synod and Board of Trustees had established, or should hereafter establish, to carry into effect the benevolent intent of the donors.

6. The salaries of the professors of languages and mathematics to be paid by the trustees out of the funds and tuition-money of Queen's College, and the over-plus, if any, to be disposed of in such manner as the trustees and General Synod should mutually determine; but the concurrence of the General Synod *should be necessary to fix or alter the amount of said salaries.*

7. The General Synod to pay the salaries of the theological professors, including the President of Queen's College, out of the funds or income of the theological college, so far as shall be requisite after the payment, by the trustees of Queen's College, of the annual proceeds of the professoral fund, to the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology; and in case the income of Queen's College should at any time prove inadequate to pay the salaries of the professors of languages and mathematics, and natural philosophy, the General Synod was to make up such deficiency.

8. The General Synod and the trustees each appoint three persons, who are a board of superintendents of Queen's College, whose duty it is to advise with the faculty and prescribe the course of studies in said college, and all such regulations relative to the government and discipline thereof, as they may deem best calculated to promote its permanent interest and usefulness.

These portions of the covenant, made between the General Synod and the Board of Trustees, are here selected as showing the very

close and intimate connexion between both bodies, and particularly to hold up before the church the fact, that the Synod have all the control over the college that it is possible for them to have in the circumstances of the case.

The Synod appoints its own professors, and has a concurrent voice in the appointment of an additional professor or professors of the college, and in the fixing and altering the amount of their salaries. The treasurer of the General Synod must be the treasurer of the college. The General Synod appoints three of its members to prescribe the regulations of the college; and besides all this, the Board of Trustees, with the exception of four persons, are all members of the Dutch Church.

The covenant was altered at the last meeting of Synod so as to separate the offices of president of the college from that of professor of theology.

It remains to inquire whether the connexion between the Synod and college has been productive of the result contemplated by its founders? We have seen that their object was, to educate the children of the church, and to supply it with an educated and pious ministry. Since the revival of the college, in 1825, hundreds of young men, a large proportion of whom were sons of the church, have been prepared for usefulness in the world or the church. The alumni of Rutgers College are not inferior to those of any other college in the union. Since 1812, one hundred and sixty-four ministers of the gospel have gone forth from your theological hall at New-Brunswick, to proclaim to dying men the unsearchable riches of Christ. Many of them fill high and responsible stations at home and abroad, and most of them have been faithful laborers in the corner of the vineyard committed to your charge.

God has signally blessed your college with the choicest of his gifts—the Holy Ghost; and our church is now reaping the benefits of the gift in a blessing so large that you have not room to hold it. The forty-three young men now training in your seminary, are the fruits of that revival which God has sent to awaken us from our apathy, and to make us ashamed of our divisions.

And is this a time for any other feelings than those of mutual love and confidence among ourselves? Surely not. Life is too

short, and its consequences too tremendous to allow us with impunity to fritter it away with altercations and conflicting interests.

We know that to these sentiments we have a response in every man's bosom who loves Christ and his church. And confident of that, we fear not to ask of this Synod a union of heart and hand in relieving the institutions of our church from their present embarrassment. Those institutions are dear to us all, and no true friend of the church would wish to see either sink. None but a traitor to her interests would dare to assume the responsibility of causing their decline. But what shall be done?

It is evident, from the nature of the relation existing between the Synod and the trustees, that nothing can be accomplished without mutual agreement between them. Your committee feel that the college is intended to subserve the interests of the church. But then it was to do so as a chartered body. Its form, its mode of operating, were fixed; in a word, all its machinery was put together long before the Synod had an existence. This form and machinery were secured to it by its founders. They are common to all similar institutions, and no attempts have been made by the friends of literature to alter them. To modify it so as to subject it to the regulations of General Synod would not answer the purpose of the church. The conflicting opinions, the oftentimes hurried deliberations of such a body, would never suit the objects of an institution, whose prosperity mainly depends upon the stability of its plans and operations. The Synod do now possess every advantage that can be derived from their wisdom and advice. And your committee cannot see how that advantage can be increased by any closer connexion with the Board of Trustees. The resolutions passed last year by General Synod interfering with the appointment of the president of the college, affords an additional proof that taking off the responsibility from the trustees, only deprives us of their efficiency; for it cannot be denied, that to their individual efforts, the church owes her present funds for the education of her sons and ministers. These men have been faithful servants. Through good report and evil report, they have given their time to the most unthankful and self-denying duty of soliciting money for your institutions. Their days and nights are

devoted to secure to the church the benefits contemplated by the charter under which they act.

It seems to your committee that there are other objections to the alterations made last year, in the agreement between the Synod and board, in reference to the appointment of a president of the college. If the board must wait for the action of Synod to confirm the nomination of a president, it is evident that the college may be left for years without a head; for few persons, nominated to such an office, would be willing to commit themselves until they were elected, and as such election would only take place after the meeting of Synod, the declinature of the candidate would leave the office vacant until another meeting of Synod. Such has been the result of the arrangement made during the last session of Synod.

The wishes of the church in this matter will no doubt be best secured by restoring to the board the full power of selecting and appointing their president, according to the original covenant of 1825.

The want of means has been a serious, and to many an insurmountable obstacle in the way of obtaining a suitable person to fill that office. Your committee believe that this difficulty might be to some extent obviated by a reduction of the salaries of the present professors in the college, and a strenuous effort on the part of the trustees, to raise additional funds.

In regard to the other resolutions passed by the General Synod, at their last session, in reference to the college, your committee conclude that they must of necessity be retained. The separation of the presidency of the college from the theological department, the plan of the professoral duties, and the means for obtaining a literature fund, are valuable improvements, and therefore should be permitted to remain.

In accordance with these views, your committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod regard Rutgers College with great interest, not only as an institution calculated to diffuse the blessings of education generally, but especially as a most important auxiliary in training the rising ministry of the church.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the trustees of Rutgers College, to appoint a president of said institution as early as practicable.

3. *Resolved*, That it is highly expedient that the salaries of the professors of the college should be reduced, so that the excess, together with other means, may be appropriated to the support of a president.

4. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Synod, the efficiency of the college depends mainly upon the wise and energetic administration of its affairs, by the Board of Trustees, and to the said board the Synod refer its whole administration, embracing the appointment of professors and instructors, providing and disbursing the funds of the college, and controlling and directing its concerns generally; and that the Synod repeals, on its part, all former action on this subject, which may or can interfere with the tenor of this resolution.

5. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the trustees of Rutgers College, to make immediate efforts to increase the endowments of the college, and that their efforts be commended to the favorable regard of all the friends of the Reformed Dutch Church.

6. *Resolved*, That the theological professors be requested to continue to the college such services as they have heretofore rendered, or such services not interfering with their duties in the theological seminary, as may be agreed upon between them and the trustees.

7. *Resolved*, That in the mean time, and until otherwise arranged, tuition-fees be allowed for the beneficiaries in the college.

8. *Resolved*, That Messrs. William B. Crosby, Cornelius R. Suydam, and Christian Kiersted, be appointed by the Synod a committee to confer with the Board of Trustees, with power to make such alterations in former arrangements as are now proposed.

G. ABEEL, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the treasurer of Rutger's College, and referred to the Committee on Education.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The following young men have received aid from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, from April 1, 1839, to April 1, 1840, viz:

John Watson,	$120
A. C. Millspaugh,	120
W. E. Turner,	120
F. T. Drake,	120
C. Spaulding,	120
G. M. P. Myer,	120
E. Vedder,	120
R. Willis,	120
A. B. Winfield,	120
	$1080

Amount of the Van Benschoten Fund, 1st April, 1840,	$19,980.00
Balance in hands of the treasurer,	1,165.84
Interest due on said fund,	1,341.70
Amount of the Knox Fund,	2,000.00
Balance due the treasurer,	72.14
Interest due on said fund,	120.00

There are at this time nine young men on the funds, and they will all remain for the ensuing year. Nothing has been received from the churches for the benefit of the college except the amount stated in my last report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. SPADER,
Treasurer Rutgers College.

New-Brunswick, June 1, 1840.

Resolved, That the trustees of Rutgers College be authorized to pay, in addition to the allowance for the support of the beneficiaries on the Van Benschoten and Miss Knox Funds, the fees of their tuition in the college, and that a like authority be given to the Board of Education in reference to their beneficiaries.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate report, that they have given to the several documents referred to them a careful attention, and submit to the Synod the following as the result:

1. In reference to *the Theological Seminary.* The report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary presents a list of *thirty-six* young gentlemen, students in theology, who were, at the time of the annual examination, in July, 1839, connected with the institution. The report bears its testimony in favor of the ability and fidelity of the professors, the exemplary deportment of the students, the high satisfaction afforded to the board by the result of the examination, and the prospect afforded that the church will continue to realize all her best hopes from her school of the prophets. Your committee have evidence before them that a missionary spirit still pervades our theological school, and that its whole condition is of a satisfactory character. In reference to it your committee have no suggestions to make, and simply commend it to the continued confidence and care of Synod. To it the church looks, under her divine head, as the great source of her ministerial supply.

2. *The Board of Corporation.* The various documents from this board are of a satisfactory character; the matters entrusted to it are attended to with intelligence and fidelity. The pecuniary interests of the Synod are well administered; its funds, as far as they are in the hands of the board, are carefully invested, and the accounts kept in a form perfectly clear and intelligible. The board report to Synod their apprehension, that in a very few cases, there is reason to fear that the subscriptions to the $30,000 fund will not be realized. Your committee are of the opinion that the Board of Direction should be instructed to employ their best efforts to collect the subscriptions to this fund, and invest the several amounts as the other funds of Synod are invested.

3. *The Committee appointed for the purpose of raising a Fund for the support of the President of Rutgers College.*—The efforts of this committee have not proved successful.

4. *The case of Mr. Barnabas Collins.* Mr. Collins having spent one year in the theological seminary in New-Brunswick, and having also attended to the study of theology elsewhere for the two previous years, prays for a dispensation in his case, so that he may be admitted to an examination at the close of the present year, with a view to his licensure.

Your committee sympathize with Mr. Collins in the circumstances in which he is placed, and their feelings would prompt them to urge his request, but the enactments of the Synod in reference to such cases, and their clearly expressed sentiments, put it out of their power to do so.

5. *Jacob A. Lansing.* In reference to this case, from the memorial placed in the hands of your committee, it appears that Mr. L., having pursued classical and scientific studies for three years, is desirous of being admitted as a student in theology, in our theological seminary at the commencement of the next year, and requests a dispensation in his case, in reference to whatever in the rules for the government of the seminary may interfere with such admission. Your committee would not on light grounds interfere with the established rules and usage of the church. They, however, regard the case of Mr. L. as very peculiar. The dealings of Divine Providence toward him have been of an unusual character. He is now about forty-seven years of age. He is represented to your committee, by satisfactory evidence, documentary, and oral on the part of several brethren, who have known him long, as a man of gifted mind, ardent zeal and piety, and singularly endowed with qualifications for usefulness in the church. Taking into view the whole case, the age of Mr. L., his talents for usefulness, his literary attainments, and ardor in his studies, your committee are of opinion that his request should be granted, and do not apprehend that the case will form any dangerous precedent. They therefore recommend that Mr. L. be admitted by the superintendents of the theological school, to examination in the same manner as other ap-

plicants are admitted, with a view to his being received as a student in our theological seminary.

6. *Richard Halloway Steele.* This young gentleman is recommended by the Classis of Schenectady as a suitable person to receive aid from the education funds, to enable him to prosecute his studies, with a view to the ministry. Your committee are of opinion, that Mr. Steele is entitled to be recommended to the trustees of Rutgers College, to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund ; and in case that there is no vacancy found upon this fund, he be referred to the Synod's Board of Education. They propose to Synod this course of action in the case.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

The period for which the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary were elected, having expired, Synod proceeded to a new election. Nominations were received from the South Classis of New-York, Classes of Long-Island, Bergen, Passaic, Poughkeepsie, Paramus, New-Brunswick, Albany, Washington, Montgomery, Ulster, Schenectady, Schoharie, Cayuga, and Orange, which were confirmed.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for the classes which have not nominated. The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the names of the persons chosen to constitute the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary for the present year, viz: Rev. James M. Matthews, D. D., John Knox, D. D., Ransford Wells, Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., John C. Van Liew, Garrit C. Schenck, Isaac P. Labagh, Cornelius Van Cleef, Peter Labagh, John P. Knox, Brogun Hoff, Isaac Wyckoff, D. D., Benjamin B. Westfall, John H. Pitcher, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, John B. Steele, Thomas Fraser, John C. F. Hoes, John W. Ward.

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. G. W. Bethune, D. D., the President of the last General Synod, laid before Synod two letters which he had received from Harmanus Bleecker, Esq., Charge, &c. at the Hague, relative to the letter ordered by the last Synod, to be sent to the King of Holland, on the subject of the missions of the church in Netherlands India, which were read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The annual missionary sermon was preached before the General Synod on the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of the Synod, in the Reformed Dutch Church corner of Fourth street and Lafayette Place, by the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., from John xii. 31, 32.

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report—That the good work of spreading the glorious Gospel and extending the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has not been intermitted during the past year; God in his providence has given a new impulse to the operations of both Boards of Missions under the care of this Synod.

The Board of Domestic Missions. The action of the Synod, at its last meeting, has had a tendency to extend their views of what was the field of their labor, enlarge their sphere of operation, and quicken efforts to enter in and cultivate it. The state of their treasury shows the benefit of such a state of things. The receipts during the past year have been $4,237. During the previous year their actual receipts from the churches, aside from a balance remaining on hand and a legacy, was only $3,405.95; $831.05 less than they now report. There is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounting to $83.20, while there are orders due and remaining unpaid for want of funds, amounting to $669, leaving an actual deficit to meet the current expenses of $585.80.

Appropriations. The following churches have been aided from the funds of the Board, viz:—Mount-Pleasant, Clover-Hill, Roxborough, Middletown, Newark, Nyack, Little Falls, Stone-House Plains, Brooklyn, Oysterbay, Bloomingdale, Unionville, German Church, N. Y., Hyde-Park, Newburgh, Dashville Falls, Clove, Olive, Roxbury, Hudson, Easton, Cahoes, Swart-town, Albany, Salem, Canastota, Jamesville, Chittenango, Tyre, Sand-Beach, Caroline, Mount Morris, Buffalo, in all thirty-four feeble churches, who have experienced the fostering care of the Synod, through their Board, and been encouraged and built up. Among them all, Sand-beach is conspicuous as having declined voluntarily to renew her application for aid. Are there no others who ought to emulate her example, and do likewise?

In the distribution of the funds of the Board, it appears that, strictly speaking, there have been no missionary operations carried on during the past year. Those churches only have been aided

who enjoyed the services of a pastor or stated supply, either in whole or in part; and a large moiety of the whole amount has been given to a few congregations. In the foregoing catalogue your committee also perceive the names of several who have experienced the bounty of Synod almost since the first commencement of its missionary operations. This fact ought to lead to an inquiry into the state of those churches.

The committee lament that they have not been furnished with any view of the state of the congregations aided by the Board. It is however reasonable to believe that many of them have been greatly encouraged and strengthened, souls born into the kingdom, and the name of the Lord Jesus glorified.

The committee experience great pleasure in reporting to Synod that the effort to extend our church in the great valley, contemplated and recommended by the last Synod, has been commenced under favorable auspices. The plan of the Board is to secure, as soon as possible, a complete ecclesiastical organization there, by establishing a Classis in each of the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, and from these to form a Particular Synod. Some of the incipient steps to complete this plan have already been taken. The Particular Synod of Albany have authorized the organization of three of these Classes, as soon as a sufficient number of churches have been formed and ministers settled to meet the requisitions of the Constitution.

Such an organization as that contemplated by the Board, would doubtless add to the permanence and stability of our missionary enterprize in the new states. As soon as the number of ministers and churches of our denomination in those states, shall be so great as to render such an organization practicable, it will without doubt take place, and we hope the Board will prosecute the Western enterprize as speedily as can be, consistently with a prudent regard to the various claims which are made upon the missionary aid of the church.

There is every encouragement to do so. From the efforts made and the interest manifested in those churches which were visited by the agent of the Board, it is evident that they are ready and willing to sustain the enterprize. Assurances have been given which

warrant the belief that at least twelve missionaries may with perfect safety be immediately sent into this field. The Board also have done something towards carrying out the views of the last Synod. The Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Michaels, and Wilson, are in the field; and Rev. Messrs. Slingerland, Quaw, Tarbell and Waring, have been commissioned, and are either on their way to the West, or preparing to proceed at an early day. From documents submitted to your committee, it is evident that in many of the churches a strong interest is felt on this subject, and that they expect that all necessary measures will be taken by the Board of Missions to secure such men and means as will prevent the possibility of a failure. Many of their own spiritual children are among these "dispersed of Israel," and they are determined that they shall be gathered together, and when they cry for the bread of life, that it shall not be withheld from them. Who would withhold it?

As a connecting link which shall bind these churches in the West to those in the East, the church of Buffalo demands the special attention of Synod. This will in some respects be the key to all this enterprize, and have a tendency to encourage it and give it success, and the committee would beg the attention of the Church at largo to this important station.

It is probable that in the prosecution of this enterprize it may become necessary to employ a temporary agent, and if so he ought to be appointed. Care also ought to be exercised by the Board to select such men to go West as will secure the confidence of the churches.

The committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved,* That the Synod approve the effort of the Board of Missions to collect and organize churches of our own denomination in the Western States.

2. *Resolved,* That they believe the plan of the Board as exhibited in the foregoing report, ought to be carried out as speedily as possible.

3. *Resolved,* That those individuals who engage in the service of the Board in the Western effort, are entitled besides the ordinary

compensation, to have the expenses of their removal provided for.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board occasionally to employ the licentiates of our Seminary in laboring in destitute and feeble churches for a short period of time, and that the Synod request such vacancies to pay not less than five dollars for each Sabbath's services so rendered.

5. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as Buffalo is acknowledged to be the key to the whole of that region contemplated in the preceding resolutions, the Synod earnestly recommend to the Church, attention to that post, and as far as practicable, that aid be given to that infant church in getting a suitable place for public worship.

The Board of Foreign Missions present such a report as is calculated to cheer the hearts of those who pray that the kingdom of the Redeemer may be extended among the heathen. The faith and patience of the church so long and sorely tried by the course of Divine Providence towards our missionaries in the Eastern Archipellago, appears now to be on the point of being rewarded. The Island of Borneo has been selected as the field of their labor, and two stations occupied. Mr. and Mrs. Doty are to reside at Sambas; and Mr. and Mrs. Nevius, Mr. and Mrs. Youngblood and Miss Condict, at Pontianak; Messrs. Thompson and Pohlman are at Batavia, on the Island of Java, and will be obliged to remain there until the year of residence required by the Dutch Government is elapsed. In the mean time they have many opportunities of doing good and becoming better prepared for their work. Mr. Abeel is at Macao studying the Chinese language and observing the issue of those important events which must transpire in the Empire of China. Mrs. Thompson has been called from her labors and sufferings on earth to the joys of heaven. She died at Batavia, on the 17th of November last, in the full assurance of hope, leaving her dying testimony to the importance of that blessed work to which she had consecrated herself.

The permanent establishment of our mission is a subject of devout and grateful thanksgiving to Him "who directs all things after the counsel of his own will." We have now a spot upon

which to fix our eyes, and towards which to direct our prayers. The Board in view of it have renewed the call, "come over and help us." Additional laborers are required immediately to thrust in the sickle, for "the fields are ripe already to the harvest." Two of our young men in the Seminary at New-Brunswick, have responded to the call, and are prepared to devote themselves to the service of the heathen as soon as their preparatory course is completed. But there is still need of a printer and physician to be connected with the Borneo Mission. Who will offer himself? Is there no one prepared to go? Let him that is willing to live only for Christ respond, "here am I, send me."

The Board also inform the Synod that there has recently been opened a very inviting field of labor among the Dutch boers or farmers, in South Africa, and that they have given assurances that any plan of moderate expenditure for their benefit, which may be devised, shall receive attention. A missionary, the Rev. Mr. Lindly, has already commenced his labors among them.

The letter of the last General Synod to the King of Holland, has been delivered to the proper officer, by the Charge d' Affaires at the Hague, H. Bleecker, Esq., but no official communication in answer has been received, either by him or the President of Synod. The colonial minister gives no hopes that the request contained in said letter can be complied with. He favors the plan proposed by the Directors of the Netherlands Missionary Society, viz: That our missionaries, on their way to India, should visit Holland, form acquaintance there, and obtain an appointment from them as their missionaries. Of this proposition your committee are disposed to think favorably. But when it is further suggested that they ought to obtain ordination in Holland, as essential to their becoming the missionaries of the Netherlands Society, your committee are clearly and unanimously of the opinion that this is a point which, as a distinct and independent Church, we cannot, and never ought to yield.

The receipts into the treasury, amount to $9,139.95. The estimated expenses of the year, are calculated at $9,261.60, showing that the receipts of the Board still fall considerably below their expenditures, and calling for the increased liberality of the churches.

The Secretary of the Board suggests the propriety of the Synod directing that the payment of $50 shall constitute a layman also an honorary member of the Board, in order that in this respect, the Foreign and Domestic Boards may be placed on an equality. The committee recommend that this be granted.

The committee cannot close this report without expressing to Synod their gratification at the review of the missionary operations of their Boards. It is certainly calculated to inspire an increased ardor in our prayers, an increased liberality in our charities, and a more abounding energy in our efforts to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ABRAHAM MESSLER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D., and George W. Bethune, D. D., be appointed a committee to address a letter to Harmanus Bleecker, Esq., Charge d' Affairs at the Hague, expressive of the grateful sense entertained by this Synod of his attention to the business relative to our foreign missions, which was entrusted to his hands.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D., Maurice W. Dwight, Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., and Isaac S. Demund, and William R. Thompson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the annual missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. John M. M'Auley, was chosen *primarius*, and the Rev. James Romeyn, *secundus*.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Missions of the General Synod, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. Messrs. George Dubois, Thomas M. Strong, William C. Brownlee,

D. D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., Ransford Wells, Matthias Lusk, Isaac S. Demund, and Messrs. Cornelius L. Hardenbergh, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Thomas C. Doremus, Peter D. Vroom, and A. W. Suydam.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Church of Shawangunk, relative to the widows' fund, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and the report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board of Direction of Incorporation as relates to the fund for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and children of deceased ministers, submit the following report:

The importance of making some provision for disabled ministers, or in case of their death for their widows and children, was a subject which occupied the attention of General Synod many years ago. Several attempts were made to provide some source of income for them when their former regular means of support failed, but either from the want of a well-digested plan, or indifference and lukewarmness to the subject itself, the measure was relinquished, and for many years nothing more was heard of the matter than the annual announcement of the lemma "widows' fund," accompanied with the declaration nothing occurred. The year 1836 formed a new era in the history of this fund, the General Synod then appointing a committee to digest some system on which the said fund might be permanently established and safely administered, and which would recommend itself to the confidence of pastors and churches of our denomination. The report of said committee, drawn up with much care, was submitted to the Synod of 1837, and after a full discussion and most careful examination of its principles and details, was sent down to all the classes, that a fuller expression of the views of the whole church, both as to the expediency of providing some mode of relief, and basis on which that relief should rest might be obtained. The action of the

various classes, as appears from minutes of 1838, was of such a character as to induce the Synod of that year to believe that the plan submitted had met with their decided approbation, and would be generally popular, on which ground they unhesitatingly adopted it as the mode best calculated to attain the object, and recommended it to all the pastors and churches.

The present amount of this fund, which is chiefly invested in safe securities, is about five thousand dollars. Of this amount, about eighteen hundred have been received from subscribers, the remainder from donations and collections in the churches ; while in some parts of the church both pastors and people have manifested a deep interest and a commendable liberality in this matter, in other parts it seems to have been entirely neglected.

It is presumed that few, if any cases exist at present, in which the widows or children of deceased ministers are in a suffering state, and perhaps none may occur until after the capital sum of the fund shall have reached the amount specified, to render it available to the subscribers. Your committee deem it of great importance that this object should be obtained as soon as possible, and therefore would propose to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the ministers of our churches, to inquire whether they are not called upon by considerations of interest to themselves as well as duty to their brethren, and to their families, to obtain an interest in this fund, by the payment of the annual subscription.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod appoint one minister from each classis, to be nominated by delegates from said classis, whose duty it shall be to present this subject to all the churches within their respective bounds, collect contributions, and report to this Synod, at its next stated meeting.

3. *Resolved*, That this plan of relief be recommended to all our consistories and people, as entitled to their confidence and liberal aid, and deserving of a place among the various other benevolent institutions of our day.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. P. LABAGH, *Chairman.*

The following persons were appointed to solicit contributions, &c. in behalf of the widows' fund, as contemplated in the above report.

For the Classis of New-York, Thomas De Witt, D. D.
For the South Classis of New-York, Isaac Ferris, D. D.
For the Classis of New-Brunrwick, Samuel B. How, D. D.
For the Classis of Bergen, Benjamin C. Taylor.
For the Classis of Paramus, John M. Manley.
For the Classis of Long Island, Robert O. Currie.
For the Classis of Philadelphia, James B. Hardenbergh, D. D.
For the Classis of Poughkeepsie, John H. Van Wagenen.
For the Classis of Passaic, Joseph Wilson.
For the Classis of Albany, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.
For the Classis of Ulster, Dow Van Olinda.
For the Classis of Rensselaer, John Gray.
For the Classis of Washington, John H. Pitcher.
For the Classis of Montgomery, James Murphy.
For the Classis of Schoharie, Samuel B. Robertson.
For the Classis of Schenectady, Henry A. Raymond.
For the Classis of Cayuga, Gustavus Abeel.
For the Classis of Orange, Cornelius C. Eltinge.
For the Classis of Greene, William Cahoone.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

A communication was received from the Consistory of the Central Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn, inviting the Synod to attend the dedication of their church edifice, on the afternoon of the first day of the session.

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted, and that the Synod will attend by a committee.

The Rev. Abraham H. Myers, Gustavus Abeel, John H. Van Wagenen, Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., and the elder Abraham Van Nest, were appointed said committee.

for their special attention and efforts; that our ministers be requested to solicit their congregations to contribute in aid of the American Colonization Society, on Sabbath, the 5th of July next, the day succeeding the anniversary of our national independence, and to promote this benevolent enterprize according to their ability, in such other ways as opportunities may offer.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The committee on accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the list of securities belonging to the Synod, in the possession of Isaac Young, their treasurer, would report that—

The whole amount of moneys secured is $96,410.50.

Of this sum $74,600 yields an interest of seven per cent. and $21,000 an interest of six per cent. On the remaining $810.50 no interest has been paid for a period of from seven to ten years past. So that the whole amount of interest regularly received is $6,482.

Of the whole sum, $21,700, yielding $1,519 per annum, belongs to the education fund; $4,200, yielding $294, belongs to the widows' fund; the interest of $5,000, amounting to $300, is payable to the trustees of Rutgers College; the interest of $64,700

amounting to $4,369, is devoted to the payment of professors' salaries, and other general expenses of Synod, to which purposes also the interest of the remaining $810,50 must be applied when received.

Of the whole sum $14,000 is secured by bonds of the Collegiate Church, New-York; $79,600, by bonds and mortgages; $2,000 by the bond of an individual, by a special order of Synod; and for the remaining $810.50, the treasurer holds the notes of four individuals.

In the list there is mention made of twenty-three shares of Bergen turnpike stock, upon which the dividends vary from year to year, but average about thirty dollars per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. VAN KLEECK, *Chairman.*

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to $34.75 was presented, and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following persons were absent without permission, viz: Rev. George Dubois, Nicholas I. Marselus, George W. Bethune, D. D., Jacob R. Van Arsdale, John Van Liew, James Lillie, Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., William Cahoone, and the elders, Christopher N. Kiersted, Samuel Stryker, Samuel Smith, Andrew Heermance, Simon H. Van Ness, Adam Bloomingdall, Amos Millspaugh.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to send copies of the Minutes to such bodies and persons as he in his discretion may think proper.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1841, at 10 o'clock A. M. and was closed with prayer by the president.

JAS. MURPHY, *President.*
ABRAHAM MESSLER, *Adsessor.*
JOHN P. KNOX, } *Clerks.*
RANSFORD WELLS, }

Official copy from the original Minutes,

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, convened in extra Session, in the city of Albany, on Tuesday the 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. The session continued from the tenth to the twelfth day of November, inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Murphy, the President of the General Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. John Knox, D. D., N. I. Marselus.
Elders, * * *

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. C. D. Westbrook, D. D., John E. Miller.
Elder, W. B. Crosby.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Abraham Messler.*
Elders, * * *

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Ransford Wells.
Elders, * * *

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. W. Eltinge, D. D., John I. Christie,† Philip M. Brett.
Elder, Frederick Demarest.‡

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, Maurice W. Dwight.
Elders, * * *

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. * * *
Elders, * * *

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. James Lillie, John H. Van Wagenen, Alexander M. Mann.
Elder, Andrew Heermance.

9. *From the Classis of Passaic.*

Rev. Garrit C. Schenck.
Elder, * * *

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Oscar H. Gregory, Simon V. E. Westfall.

Elders, Richard V. De Witt, Gurdon Grant, Frederick Markle.

* Took his seat second day of the session.

† Succeeded by his secundus, Rev. Issac D. Cole, first day of the session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence first day of the session.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. William Brush, John F. Mesick.*
Elder, Moses Schoonmaker.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Edward P. Stimpson, John P. Knox, John C. Vandevoort.
Elders, David Rector, Homer Blanchard, Barent Van Buren.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. John H. Pitcher, D. A. Jones, Benjamin Van Zandt.
Elders, Tunis Swart, E. J. Willett, Lewis Younglove.

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, James Stevenson, Abraham H. Myers.
Elder, F. P. Bellinger.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, Cornelius Bogardus.
Elder, Abraham Richmyer.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. John B. Steele, Herman B. Stryker, Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.
Elders, J. G. Vedder, A. Bloomingdall, Nanning B. Fort.*

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John F. Schermerhorn.
Elder, Peter Colyer.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Robert P. Lee, Jr.

* Took their seats on the second day of the session.

Elders, G. S. Corwin, A. Millspaugh.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. * * *

Elder, Wilhelmus Schuneman.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. James Murphy, President; the Rev. Abraham Messler, Adsessor; and the Rev. Messrs. John P. Knox and Ransford Wells, Clerks, *pro tem.*

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

The President laid before Synod a constitutional request which he had received, to call an extra meeting of the Synod, "for the purpose of trying an appeal of the minority of the Classis of Orange, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, in October, 1840, and to attend to any business connected with the case of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten."

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That in view of the peculiar importance and difficulty of the matters expected to come before this Synod, that the Synod will spend an hour in devotional services, under the direction of the President.

Agreeably to the above resolution, the Synod spent an hour, during the first day of the session, in religious exercises.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

A paper, signed by G. S. Corwin and Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, giving the reasons of appeal from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, refusing to entertain a complaint from the minority of the Classis of Orange, was received and read.

A paper, purporting to be a complaint of a minority of the Classis of Orange, respecting the proceedings of that Classis in the case of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, was presented to Synod.

All the above papers, together with the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, and the Minutes of the Classis of Orange in the case, were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was presented by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, purporting to be a memorial addressed to this Synod, and also a memorial signed by the members of the Consistory of the Church of Bloomingburgh.

On motion, the above papers were laid on the table.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, to whom was referred the appeal of the minority of the Classis of Orange, from a late decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, reported.

The report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures, &c., to whom was referred the appeal of the minority of the Classis of Orange, from a late decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, respectfully report—That the subject has been regularly brought before Synod for their judicial investigation. The papers and documents which have been put into the hands of your committee, are the following, viz:

1. A complaint of the minority of the Classis of Orange, against the proceedings of the Classis.
2. The proceedings of the Classis in the case.
3. The proceedings of the Particular Synod on the subject, all which are herewith presented to be read in the order in which they are here arranged.

Respectfully submitted,

N. I. MARSELUS, *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal of the minority of the Classis of Orange, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, refusing to entertain their complaint.

The President having announced that the Synod was about to proceed to judicial business, the appeal was taken up and tried in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

3. All the documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The appellants were heard by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten.

5. The Particular Synod was heard by their commissioner, the Rev. A. Yates, D. D.

6. The appellant had no remarks to make in reply.

The parties then withdrew, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The following resolution was moved and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken upon this resolution it was decided in the *affirmative*.

The ayes and nays being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

J. Knox	J. P. Knox
N. I. Marselus	J. C. Vandevoort
C. D. Westbrook	D. Rector
J. E. Miller	H. Blanchard
Wm. B. Crosby	B. Van Buren
R. Wells	J. H. Pitcher
W. Eltinge	D. A. Jones
P. M. Brett	T. Swart
I. P. Labagh	E. J. Willett
M. W. Dwight	L. Younglove
J. Lillie	J. Stevenson
Alex. M. Mann	A. H. Myers
J. H. Van Wagenen	F. J. Bellinger
A. Heermance	R. D. Van Kleeck
G. C. Schenck	C. Bogardus
I. N. Wyckoff	A. Richmyer
O. H. Gregory	J. B. Steele
S. V. E. Westfall	H. B. Stryker

R. V. De Witt	J. Van Vechten
G. Grant	J. D. Veeder
F. Markle	A. Bloomingdall
Wm. Brush	N. B. Fort
J. F. Mesick	J. F. Schermerhorn
M. Schoonmaker	P. Colyer
E. P. Stimpson	W. Schuneman.—50.

NAYS.

I. D. Cole	A. Millspaugh.—2.

The memorial addressed to General Synod, and signed by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, and concurred in by the Consistory of the Church of Bloomingburgh, was taken up and read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That so much of said communication as exhibits the theological views of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. James Lillie, John Knox, D.D., John Van Wagenen, and the Elders William B. Crosby and Richard V. De Witt.

The committee reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The committee to which the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten's memorial was referred, in so far as that document contains a statement of his theological views, beg leave to report, that in these papers they find the explanations given by the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten to the Classis of Orange, on the several points respecting which they had intimated suspicions of his orthodoxy; and further explanations on the points respecting which the Classis had declared themselves unsatisfied; also a request on the part of Mr. Van Vechten, and the Consistory of the Church of Bloomingburgh, that the Synod now act in the premises, and that the explanations are, in the judgement of your committee, ample and satisfactory, and they unanimously recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That though there are some exceptionable expressions in the statements of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechtén, yet, that the explanations given by him of his doctrinal views on the subjects of original sin, the atonement and regeneration, are, in the judgment of this Synod, satisfactory, and such as should entitle him to the confidence of the Dutch Church.

JAMES LILLIE, *Chairman.*

The ayes and nays on the adoption of the above report being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

John Knox	D. Rector
N. I. Marselus	H. Blanchard
C. D. Westbrook	B. Van Buren
J. E. Miller	J. H. Pitcher
Wm. B. Crosby	D. A. Jones
Abm. Messler	B. Vanzandt
R. Wells	T. Swart
W. Eltinge	E. J. Willet
P. M. Brett	L. Younglove
I. P. Labagh	J. Murphy
M. W. Dwight	J. Stevenson
J. Lillie	A. H. Myers
A. M. Mann	F. G. Bellinger
J. H. Van Wagenen	R. D. Van Kleeck
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I. N. Wyckoff	J. B. Steele
O. H. Gregory	H. B. Stryker
R. V. De Witt	J. Van Vechten
G. Grant	A. Bloomingdall
J. F. Mesick	J. F. Schermerhorn
E. P. Stimpson	P. Colyer
J. P. Knox	G. S. Corwin
J. C. Vandevoort	W. Schuneman.—46.

NAYS.

I. D. Cole	M. Schoonmaker

G. C. Schenck	C. Bogardus
S. V. E. Westfall	F. H. Vanderveer
F. Markle	R. P. Lee
W. Brush	A. Millspaugh.—10.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the minority of the Classis of Orange be requested to withdraw their complaint, now on the table of the Synod; and that the Classis of Orange be requested by this Synod to refrain from prosecuting an appeal from the recent decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, restoring the Rev. S. Van Vechten to the exercise of the ministry, and that thus all further agitation of the case may cease.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to furnish to the Classis of Orange a copy of the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten's statements of his theological views laid before this Synod, which are additional to the statements that have heretofore been presented by Mr. Van Vechten to said Classis.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The Rev. John Knox, D. D., appeared before Synod as one of a committee from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, asking a lease of two lots on the college grounds, for the purpose of building two houses, to be occupied by the President and Professors of Rutgers' College.

The application was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., Isaac P. Labagh, and the Elder William B. Crosby.

The committee to whom was referred the application from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed to report on an application of the trustees of Rutgers College, for a lease of lots on the grounds belonging to the General Synod, in New-Brunswick, respectfully report—

That a communication from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, was laid before them, containing the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the present condition of the College renders it highly expedient and desirable that a house should be erected for the permanent residence of the President of Rutgers College and his family.

2. *Resolved*, That it is very desirable for facilitating the administration of the government and discipline of the College, that such house should be erected on the College Campus, that thus the students may be brought under the more immediate inspection of the President. That the Rev. Dr. Knox and Messrs. C. L. Hardenburgh and A. Van Nest, Esq. be a committee on the behalf of this board, to wait on the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, at its next meeting, especially called at Albany, on the 10th of November, instant, and request from Synod permission for this board to erect such building on a suitable lot in the College Campus.

On this communication your committee recommend the following resolution be adopted by this Synod, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of General Synod be authorized to execute leases, conveying to the Trustees of Rutgers College, two lots, for the purpose of erecting buildings on them for the residence of Professors, on the grounds belonging to the General Synod, in the city of New-Brunswick, in such sites as may be agreed on by the parties; each lot to be 75 by 130 feet; for a term of twenty-one years; subject thereafter to a renewal for such further term or terms as the Synod may direct; at an annual rent of one peppercorn: and provided, that at the termination of the first, or any subsequent term, the Synod may, at their option, terminate the said lease, by paying for the buildings that may be erected on said lots, at a just valuation, to be made by three impartial persons, one to be chosen by the Board of Corporation, one by the Board of Trustees, and the third by the two former.

Your committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolution, the subject of which was committed to them, viz:

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended by this General Synod, to the members and friends of the Dutch Church, to patronize the College of their own endowment, in every honorable and practicable mode, and especially by sending thither those of their sons, or others, who may be under their control, whom they liberally educate.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXI.

Religious and Benevolent Institutions.

The Rev. Mr. Sawtell, Seamen's Chaplain at Havre, in France, asked leave to address this Synod on the subject of efforts in the behalf of seamen generally, and the importance of a Chaplain's station at Havre.

Resolved, That this Synod will hear the Rev. Mr. Sawtell, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock P. M., in the house of worship belonging to the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Albany.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to $1.97, and also a bill amounting to $3.00, for printing circulars, calling the meeting of Synod, were presented, and ordered to be paid.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish the usual number of copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1841, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was closed with prayer by the President.

JAS. MURPHY, *President.*
ABRAHAM MESSLER, *Adsessor.*
RANSFORD WELLS, } *Clerks.*
JOHN P. KNOX, }

Official copy, from the original minutes,

THOS. M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

Reformed Protestant Dutch Church

OF

NORTH AMERICA,

AT

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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of Albany, on Wednesday, the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one. The session continued from the second to the sixteenth day of June, inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Murphy, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 John iv. 8, "*God is love.*"

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D., Isaac S. Demund,** and Enoch Van Aken.*

Elder, Abraham Van Nest.* §

** Took his seat on the *second* day of the session, and was succeeded on the *fourteenth* day of the session, by his *secundus*, Rev. John Knox, D. D.

* Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth*, and returned on the *thirteenth* day of the session.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*

Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Frederic F. Cornell, and James M. Matthews, D. D.*

Elder, William B. Crosby.†

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. William Reiley,** Aaron A. Marselus and Talbot W. Chambers.§

Elders, John H. Smock, P. Z. Elmendorf, and Peter Wortman.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. John Garretson, Benjamin C. Taylor, and Ransford Wells.

Elders, William Stephens, and George Newkirk.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. James W. Stewart, Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., and Peter Allen.††

Elder, Daniel C. Dusenberry.§§

6. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. Garrit I. Garretson, R. Ormiston Currie, and William R. Gordon.

Elders, Isaac Rapelye, Evert Suydam, and John Williamson.‖

* Took his seat on the *third* day of the session.

** Obtained leave of absence on the *tenth* day of the session.

§ Succeeded on the *seventh* day of the session, by his *secundus*, the Rev. John C. Van Liew, who obtained leave of absence on the *eleventh* day.

†† Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.

§§ Obtained leave of absence on the *eleventh* day of the session.

‖ Took his seat on the *third* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *tenth* day of the session.

† Took his seat on the *second*,—obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* and *thirteenth* day of the session.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh, and J. R. Talmage.
Elder, Cornelius Kershow.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Herman Vedder, William S. Heyer, and Alexander M. Mann.*
Elders, Peter Brett,** and Isaac Roosevelt.*

9. *From the Classis of Passaic.*

Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord,|| and Garrit C. Schanck.
Elder, Daniel Jacobus.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John M. Van Beuren, Staats Van Santvoord, and Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.§
Elders, Richard V. DeWitt, William W. Grosbeck, and John J. Demarest.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Douw Van Olinda, John B. Alliger, and Cornelius L. Van Dyke.
Elder, Elijah Alliger.§§

* Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.
** Took his seat on the *second* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *eighth.*
|| Obtained leave of absence on the *thirteenth* day of the session.
§ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the session.
§§ Obtained leave of absence on the *eleventh* day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Jasper Middlemas, Andrew N. Kittle,† and Richard Sluyter.¶

Elders, Rynier Van Alstyne, Isaac Hutton, and Jeremiah J. Best.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. John Birkby, Joel Wood, and John I. Quick.†

Elders, P. V. N. Norris, and Abraham Knickerbacker.¶

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Murphy, John P. Spinner, and Jedediah L. Stark.

Elder, William Knox.§§

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, Samuel Robertson, and William Lockhead.**

Elders, Frederic Bassler, Jr., Harmanus and Becker.††

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D.,|||| William Pitcher, and Andrew Yates, D. D.

Elders, Cornelius S. Groot,|| Cornelius J. Fonda,* and John Putman.

† Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.

¶ Took their seats on the *seventh* day of the session.

§§ Obtained leave of absence on the *eleneth* day of the session.

** Took his seat on the *second* day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the *eleventh.*

¶¶ Succeeded by the *primarius*, on the *ninth* day of session.

†† Took his seat on the *eighth* day of the session.

|||| Succeeded on the *thirteenth* day of the session, by his *secundus*, Rev. Henry A. Raymond.

|| Succeeded on the *thirteenth* day of the session, by his *secundus*, Jacob I. Lansing.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the session.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Thomas A. Ammerman, and James Abell.†

Elders, * * * *

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*

Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer,* and John W. Ward.*

Elders, * * * *

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*

Rev. James Romeyn, Brogun Hoff, and Jeremiah Searle.†

Elder, Anthony Van Bergen.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. James Romeyn was chosen President.

The Rev. John Garretson was chosen Adsessor.

The Rev. Cornelius L. Van Dyke, and John C. F. Hoes, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the last ordinary and of the extra session of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

* Took their seats on the *third* day of the session.

† Took their seats on the *second* day of the session.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following were appointed :

On the Professorate.—Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., and Peter Labagh, and the Elders, William B. Crosby, and George Newkirk.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, Benjamin C. Taylor, and F. F. Cornell, and the Elders, John H. Smock, and Elijah Alliger.

On Missions.—Rev. Ransford Wells, Alexander M. Mann, and James B. Ten Eyck, and the Elders, William Stephens, and William B. Crosby.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D. D., John Garretson, and Garrit C. Schanck, and the Elders, Isaac Rapelye, and Daniel Jacobus.*

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Richard D. Van Kleeck, James Murphy, and James W. Stewart, and the Elders, William W. Grosbeck, and Richard V. DeWitt.

On Accounts.—Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Brogun Hoff, and Aaron A. Marselus, and the Elders, William Stephens, and John H. Smock.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., William S. Heyer, and J. R. Talmage, and the Elders, Cornelius Kershow, and William Knox.

On Education.—Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, R. Ormiston Currie, and Garrit I. Garretson, and the Elders, Isaac Rapelye, and Jeremiah J. Best.

On Nominations.—Rev. Herman Vedder, Jeremiah S. Lord, and Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elders, George Newkirk, and Peter Wortman.

* The Rev. Garrit C. Schanck was substituted in the place of the Rev. Dr. Van Vechten as chairman of this committee, on the *thirteenth* day of the session.

On Widows' Fund.—Rev. James Murphy, Douw Van Olinda, and William R. Gordon, and the Elders, Elijah Alliger, and P. Z. Elmendorf.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Synodical Reports, reported. Their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare the draft of a report to General Synod, respectfully submit the following:

The Board met in the Library of the College, on the morning of the 8th of July. The following brethren attended the session.

W. Eltinge, D. D.	P. Labagh,
I. N. Wyckoff, D. D.	I. P. Labagh,
R. Wells,	B. Westfall,
Thomas Frazer,	J. B. Steele,
John C. Van Liew,	J. H. Pitcher,
John C. F. Hoes,	John P. Knox,
C. C. Van Cleef,	C. L. Van Dyck.

The following brethren appointed to the Board, were absent.

J. M. Matthews, D. D.	John Knox, D. D.
Garrit C. Schenck,	Brogun Hoff,
John W. Ward.	

The Board was organized by the election of W. Eltinge, D. D., President; R. Wells, Secretary and Stated Clerk.

Opened with prayer.

A report was received from the Theological Faculty in the following words:

To the Rev. Board of Superintendents of the Theological College of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, now convened

at New-Brunswick, the undersigned, Professors of Theology, present the following report, viz:

That the whole number of Theological Students now in the institution under their care, is forty-four, viz:—of the Senior Class fifteen; of the Middle Class eleven; and of the Junior Class eighteen.

The names of the Seniors, are,

John B. Alliger,	Jacob Bookstaver,
David D. Demarest,	Ephraim De Puy,
John D. Janeway,	Robert Pitts,
Martin L. Schenck,	I. P. Stryker,
William H. Steele,	John A. Staats,
George Schenck,	William T. Van Doren,
Robert Van Amburgh,	John Whitbeck.
John H. Sheffield,	

The names of the Middle Class, are,

James A. H. Cornell,	Francis F. Drake,
Gardiner Jones,	Joseph Kniskern,
Alexander C. Millspaugh,	Gilbert Mc P. Myers,
Peter G. Randell,	William E. Turner,
William I. Thompson,	John Watson.
Samuel Woodbridge,	

The names of the Junior Class, are,

Cornelius I. Blauvelt,	Barnabas V. Collins,
Cornelius E. Crispell,	William W. Halloway,
Eben S. Hammond,	John S. Himrod,
Victor M. Hulbert,	Samuel W. Mills,
Elbert S. Porter,	Abraham G. Ryerson,
Martin V. Schoonmaker,	John N. Shultz,
Andrew B. Taylor,	Ralph Willis,
Aaron B. Winfield,	Theodore F. Wyckoff,
John Dubois,	John De Witt.

That of the Senior Class, thirteen are graduates of Rutgers College; of the Middle Class, nine; and of the Junior Class, thirteen:

making the whole number of graduates now in the Seminary, and received from the College, thirty-five.

Messrs. Isaac P. Stryker and William F. Van Doren, of the Senior Class, have devoted themselves to foreign missions.

J. M. Clute, admitted in September last a member of the Junior Class, has, for neglect of duty, after repeated admonitions, been dismissed.

Gardiner Jones, of the Middle Class, has recently been permitted, through bodily indisposition, temporarily to retire. With gratitude to the Great Dispenser of every blessing, we record that general good health has pervaded the institution during the whole of the past year, and that the deportment of the students has been found worthy of commendation; of their proficiency in sacred literature the Board itself will now judge from their examination.

All which is respectfully submitted,

PH. MILLEDOLER, *Professor.*
JAS. S. CANNON, "
ALEX. M'CLELLAND, "

New-Brunswick, July 8th, 1840.

The classes were examined by the professors on the several departments of study in which they had been engaged.

It was evident that a very great amount of attention and study had been given to the various subjects prescribed by General Synod.

The Senior Class was examined, particularly, on their personal experience of piety, and on their motives in entering the ministry, and gave such satisfaction to the Board, that it was

Resolved, That their examination be sustained, and that they be recommended to the professors for the usual professoral certificate, to entitle them to an examination before the several Classes.

In view of all these facts, there is reason *for* adoring gratitude to God for his past favor to our school, and abundant encourage-

ment for confiding prayer, that the Great Head of the Church will continue to bless our institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted with respect,

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Board recommend to the General Synod so to alter the present organization of the Board as to conform to the plan adopted by the Synod in the year 1838.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the General Synod to appoint the meeting of this Board to begin on the Sabbath, on Monday, or Tuesday, before the second Wednesday in July.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Board be a permanent officer, i. e. that he continue in office from year to year until he shall resign, or any Board for sufficient cause shall elect a successor.

A true copy from the original Minutes,

RANSFORD WELLS, *Stated Clerk.*

An extract of the Minutes of the Extra Session of the Board, held May 11th, 1841 :

A petition of Jacob A. Lansing, one of the students of the Junior Class, praying to be recommended to General Synod for a dispensation from the middle year of study, was presented before the Board.

Resolved, That, under the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Lansing, this Board unanimously and cordially grant his request.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Stated Clerk.*

A copy of the Minutes of an extra session of the Board of Superintendents, held May 11th 1841, on the subject of a Memorial addressed to them by Students of the Senior and Middle Classes, accompanied with certain documents relating to the case, was received, read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. John Garretson, Thomas De Witt, D. D., and Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elders, Richard V. De Witt and William Stephens.

Certain papers from the Rev. Professor Milledoler, relating to the matters contained in the above documents submitted by the Board of Superintendents, were laid before Synod, which having been read were referred to the above named committee.

A communication was received from Mr. Jacob A. Lansing, requesting a dispensation of the middle year of his theological study, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Charles S. Hageman, a student in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, asking a dispensation for his whole course of three years' study at Princeton, and permitting him to be licensed in the Reformed Dutch Church, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a List of the Securities belonging to the Synod now in the hands of the Treasurer, and Accounts Current of said Board with the Board of Education and the Widows' Fund, together with a list of the Clerical Subscriptions to the said Fund, which were read and accepted. So much as relates to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; the List of Securities to the Committee on Accounts; the Account Current with the Board of Education to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

The Board of Direction respectfully present the following, as the report of their proceedings during the last year.

Their meetings have been as frequent as has been required by the business confided to them, and all their proceedings have been with entire harmony and unanimity.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, will exhibit the condition of the funds of the Synod; this is in general satisfactory; all the investments on bond and mortgage are considered to be good, and the interest is punctually paid. The interest on some of the notes held by the Treasurer, and also, on some of the subscriptions to what is usually known as the thirty thousand dollar subscription, is in arrears, and it is feared that in some cases losses will accrue. It is greatly to be desired that these amounts might be paid into the treasury; and that all the funds of Synod might be invested on bond and mortgage. The Treasurer, however, has been enabled at all times throughout the year, punctually and promptly to meet the claims on the treasury. Additional responsibilities, it is proper to state, cannot be contracted by the Synod without their either incurring debt, or with increased liabilities providing additional resources. The several Funds of the Synod are, as heretofore, kept distinct from each other.

The Widows' Fund accumulates very slowly; the Board would reiterate their conviction of its importance, their confidence in the plan for its increase and administration, the danger apprehended by them from any material modification of the plan, and would again earnestly commend the subject to the fostering care of the Synod, the co-operation of the clergy, and the liberality of the churches. Benevolent individuals, of enlarged wealth, are, by means of this Fund, furnished with the opportunity, either by gift or bequest, of securing relief and comfort to many a meritorious and destitute widow and fatherless child.

The Board have authorized George W. Mentz & Son to publish an edition of two thousand copies of the Constitution, bound up with the Confession of Faith and the Forms of the Church, in the manner and upon the conditions prescribed by Synod at their meeting in June, 1840, and the work has been executed in a very neat and convenient form. They have executed a lease to the Trustees of Rutger's College, according to the instructions of the Synod at their meeting in November, 1840, of ground east of the college edifice, embracing an area of one hundred and fifty by one hundred and thirty feet. A small bill for attendance upon

meetings of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, and for stationary, has been presented, but the Treasurer has not been able to find authority given him to make payment of such accounts.

Messrs. Abraham Van Nest and William B. Crosby have been appointed to give the Synod any farther information that may be required.

CORN'S HEYER, *President.*
W. B. CROSBY,
AB'M VAN NEST, } *Directors.*
JOHN KNOX,
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 31*st May*, 1841.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with Isaac Young, *their Treasurer.*

1840		DR.		
June	3	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	$393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary, as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	393	75
	4	" " John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, the balance of six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, amounting to $21,400, due this day,	549	00
	5	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	437	50
	9	" " Rev. Benjamin Van Zandt, his subscription to the widows' fund, withdrawn by him,	20	00
	10	" " Isaac Young, treasurer, one year's salary, and for postage and discount on uncurrent notes during the past year, paid by him, $259 00 Postage and discount paid during the same period, for the widows' fund, 15 12	274	12
	20	" " Henry Schenck, for his attendance as doorkeeper, and for stationary, &c., furnished by him to General Synod, at their meeting, 3d inst.	34	75
July	6	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan,	2500	00
	16	" " Cornelius Heyer, to be invested on temporary loan,	1800	00
	21	" " Rev. James Romeyn, his subscription to the widows' fund, withdrawn by him,	40	00
Sept	1	" " Mercein & Post, for printing Minutes of General Synod, for 1840, paper, binding, &c.	190	22
		" " Mercein & Post, for printing notices to members of various committees of their election, &c.	8	00
	4	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	393	75
	9	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	393	75
	15	" " John D. Keese, treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships, due 4th December next,	300	00
	22	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	437	50
Oct.	6	" " Rev. Ransford Wells, clerk, for a record book for the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, transcribing their formulas and rules, and for a trunk to contain their books, &c., $10 50 and for his travelling expenses in attending two meetings of the board, 2 50	13	00
		Carried forward,	8179	09

1840		DR.		
Oct.	23	Brought forward,	$8179	09
		To cash paid the travelling expenses of the delegation to the Synod of the German Reformed Church at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, viz: Rev. George H. Fisher, $35 30; " William S. Heyer, 38 75	74	05
	28	" " John R. Lewis, loaned him on his bond and mortgage, with interest,	2800	00
Nov.	5	" " John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December next,	300	00
	12	" " Peter Spader, treasurer, &c., one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5,000, to Rutgers College, due 20th June last,	300	00
		" " Peter Spader, advanced by him for repairs to the street in front of Rutgers College,	23	34
		" " Peter Spader, treasurer, for dividends on ten shares Bergen Turnpike Stock, belonging to Rutgers College,	10	50
	24	" " Peter Van Bergen, his bill as door-keeper to General Synod, at their Extra Session, at Albany, in October last, stationary, &c. $6 94 and for printing circulars calling said meeting of Synod, 3 00	9	94
	28	" " Mercein & Post, for printing the Minutes of said Extra Meeting of General Synod,	29	71
Dec.	1	" " John D. Keese, Treasurer of the Board of Education, the balance of interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th instant,	159	50
		" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary, as Professor, &c. due this day,	393	75
	9	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	437	50
1841 Jan.	15	" " Greenwich Insurance Company, premium of insurance for $8,000 on Rutgers College, for one year from this day,	48	00
Mar	2	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	393	75
	3	" " Rev. Dr. Cannon, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	393	75
	5	" " Rev. Dr. M'Clelland, one quarter's salary as professor, &c., due 1st inst.	437	50
May	1	" " Rev. Dr. Milledoler, expended by him for repairs on Rutgers College,	8	64
	13	" " Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop, his subscription to the widows' fund withdrawn,	40	00
		Carried forward,	14432	77

1841.		DR.			
May	19	Brought forward,		14432	77
		To cash paid Rev. Thomas M. Strong, one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod, due 1st June next,	$100 00		
		and for postage paid by him during the same period,	2 00		
				102	00
		" " the following persons, their expenses in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College at New-Brunswick, on the 8th July, 1840, and 11th May, 1841, viz:			
		Rev. John H. Pitcher,	1840.	8	50
		" John P. Knox,		10	00
		" John C. F. Hoes,		29	50
		" John B. Steele,		5	00
		" C. L. Van Dyck,		4	00
		" B. B. Westfall,		10	00
		" Isaac P. and Peter Labagh,		5	37
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.		6	25
		" W. Eltinge, (3 times,)		6	00
		" Cornelius Van Cleef,		5	00
		" Isaac P. Labagh,	1841.	2	00
		" John C. F. Hoes,		29	00
		" John B Steele,		7	00
		" Thomas Frazer,		15	50
		" Cornelius Van Cleef,		4	50
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D.		8	50
		" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,		5	00
		" Benjamin B. Westfall,		10	00
		" Brogun Hoff,		6	00
		To balance carried to new account,		2866	29
				$17578	18

1840		CR.			
June	1	By balance of last year's account, brought forward,		$2500	57
	2	" Cash received for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d May last,		350	00
		" " of Rev. M. W. Dwight, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Long-Island,		9	50
	4	" " of Rev. A. N. Kittle, collected for the widows' fund in the churches at—			
		Greenbush,	$13 75		
		Claverack,	11 06		
		Meilenville,	7 42		
				32	23
	5	" " for six month's interest on bond for $4,000, due yesterday,		140	00
		" " of Rev. G. C. Schenck, questor, for Minutes of Synod furnished to the Classis of Passaic,		4	00
		" " of Rev. J. Manley, collected for the widows' fund in the churches at Warwick,	$8 18		
		First Church at Patterson,	7 78		
				15	96
	6	" " of M. Reed, treasurer, collected for the widows' fund in the Third Reformed Dutch Church in Philadelphia,		115	00
	8	" " of Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Schoharie,		13	00
		" " of Rev. E. Holmes, questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Albany,		7	50
		" " of Rev. E. Holmes, collected for the widows' fund in the 3d Reformed Dutch Church in Albany,		11	00
	15	" " of Rev. H. Loucks, questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Montgomery,		15	00
	22	" " of Rev. S. V. Westfall, collected for the widows' fund in Reformed Dutch Churches at Union and Salem,		6	46
		" " for six months' interest an bond for $3,700, due 24th May last,		129	50
	26	" " of George W. Mentz & Son, the balance of their note for $521.11, with interest,		96	83
July	10	" " of Jasper Cadmus, Jr., executor, &c., of Richard Cadmus, deceased, part of $2,000, devised by him to General Synod, for the endowment of a Scholarship in the Theological College, the estate proving insufficient to pay the sums devised in full,		1751	20
	30	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3600, due this day		126	00
Aug	7	" " of C. Zabriskie, for a dividend on twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,		5	75
	11	" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8000, due 4th June, and 8th July last,		280	00
	17	" " for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Washington,		15	00
		Carried forward,		5624	50

1840		CR.		
Aug	26	Brought forward,	5624	50
		By cash received of J. B. Hardenbergh, collected in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Philadelphia, for the widows' fund,	42	45
Sept	2	" " Rev. J. H. Pitcher, refunded, over-charge in his expenses attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendants of the Theological College,	1	62
	3	" " of Cornelius Heyer, on account of money invested by him on temporary loan,	800	00
	5	" " of Rev. P. M. Brett, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus,	12	00
		" " of Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, collected in the Reformed Dutch Church at Shannack, New-Jersey, for the widows' fund,	10	75
	15	" " of Cornelius Heyer, on account of money invested by him on temporary loan,	500	00
	17	" " of Rev. N. I. Marselus, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New-York,	23	50
Oct.	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	22	" " of Rev. N. I. Marselus, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New-York,	5	50
	29	" " of Cornelius Heyer, balance of money invested by him on temporary loan, with interest,	3053	43
Nov.	2	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due yesterday,	315	00
	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.	175	00
	9	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8300, due 6th inst.	290	50
	10	" " of P. Spader, collected in the Reformed Dutch at New-Brunswick, for the widows' fund	16	35
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 23d October last,	70	00
	12	" " of Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., for the balance of cash in his hands due to the Professoral fund of the Theological College on the 15th of July last,	173	85
	14	" " of Rev. John Manley, collected for the widows' fund, in the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Totawa, $7 58 Reformed Dutch Church at Paramus, 6 12	13	70
	23	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due yesterday,	350	00
	30	" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church at Flatbush, Long-Island,	16	58
Dec.	1	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3700, due 24th November last,	129	50
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d November last,	350	00
		Carried forward,	12271	73

		CR.		
1840 Dec.	5	Brought forward,	12271	73
		By cash received, for six months' interest on bond for $4000, due yesterday,	140	00
	8	" " of James Suydam, his subscription to the widows' fund,	100	00
	28	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th October last,	87	50
1841 Jan.	4	" " of Mrs. Mary W. Thompson, her donation to the widows' fund,	10	00
	5	" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church at Gravesend,	17	94
		" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church in New-Utrecht,	10	00
Feb.	2	" " of James Bogert, Jr., his subscription to the widows' fund,	10	00
	9	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3600, due 30th January last,	126	00
	19	" " for six months' interest on two bonds, one for $6800, due 4th December last, and the other for $1200, due 8th January last,	280	00
	25	" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church at Flatbush,	22	70
Mar	8	" " of Rev. T. M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus,	15	12
	20	" " for a dividend on twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock,	14	37
	22	" " of Rev. R. O. Currie, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church at New-Lots,	6	55
Apr.	6	" " for six months' interest on bond for $8500, due 3d inst.	297	50
	19	" " of Rev. S. H. Meeker, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the South Classis of New-York,	11	25
		" " of Rev. John Garretson, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Bergen,	14	75
	27	" " of Peter Van Zandt Jr., eight years' interest on his note for $100, his subscription to the permanent fund of General Synod, up to 1st May next,	56	00
May	3	" " for six months' interest on bond for $9000, due 1st inst.	315	00
		" " for six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.	175	00
	5	" " of Rev. A. H. Warner, questor, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Bergen,	15	25
	6	" " of Rev. Thomas M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Philadelphia,	13	00
		Carried forward,	14009	66

1841		CR.		
May	6	Brought forward,	14009	66
		By cash received, for six months interest on bond for $2000, due 23d April last,	70	00
		" " for six months' interest on bonds for $8300, due this day,	290	50
	7	" " of A. G. Beekman, Treasurer, collected in the First Reformed Dutch Church at Brooklyn, for the widows' fund,	44	27
	10	" " for six months' interest on bond for $2800, due 27th April last,	98	00
	11	" " of Dr. John Carpenter, executor, &c., of Abraham Terhune deceased, in full of his subscription of $250, to the permanent fund, with interest,	340	00
	13	" " of Rev. B. B. Westfall, collected for the widows' fund in the Reformed Dutch Church at Stone Arabia,	5	00
	15	" " for six months' interest on bond for $10,000, due 22d inst.	350	00
	21	" " of Rev. G. C. Schenck, questor, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Passaic,	4	25
		" " of the following clergymen, their subscriptions to the widows' fund,		
		Rev. Edward H. May, 1840	20	00
		" William C. Brownlee, D. D. "	20	00
		" David A. Jones, 1838, 1839, 1840,	60	00
		" J. C. Sears, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841,	80	00
		" Edwin Holmes, 1840,	20	00
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D. "	20	00
		" J. H. Van Wagenen, "	20	00
		" Philip Duryee, D. D. "	20	00
		" John H. Pitcher, 1839,	20	00
		" Charles Whitehead,	20	00
		" John Rudy, 1840,	20	00
		" James B. Hardenbergh, D. D. "	20	00
		" Brogun Hoff, "	20	00
		" Richard Sluyter, "	20	00
		" William Lockhead, "	20	00
		" Charles Whitehead, "	20	00
		" John E. Miller, 1841,	20	00
		" David A. Jones, "	20	00
		" Thomas Frazer, 1840,	20	00
		" John Knox, D. D. "	20	00
		" " of the following persons, for interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, due 1st May, 1840, viz ;		
		Stephen Van Rensselaer, 1839, 1840,	600	00
		James Suydam, "	30	00
		Thomas Doremus, "	30	00
		Catelina Oothout, "	30	00
		John Oothout, "	30	00
		Richard F. Carman, 1838, 1839, 1840,	60	00
		Carried forward,	16491	68

1841		CR.		
May	21	Brought forward,	16491	68
		By cash received of Collegiate Church, New-York, 1839,	300	00
		David L. Haight, "	30	00
		Richard K. Haight, "	30	00
		David H. Haight, "	30	00
		Maria I. Kissam, "	30	00
		David W. Wetmore, "	30	00
		Thomas L. Chester, "	15	00
		Cornelius Duryee, 1839, "	30	00
		Richard V. De Witt, 1839, 1840, and in.	63	00
		Obadiah Holmes, 1840,	15	00
		Samuel Smith, " "	30	00
		Leffert Lefferts, "	30	00
		Abraham Van Nest, "	300	00
		Francis Olmsted, "	24	00
	27	" " for six months' interest on bond for $3700, due 24th inst.	129	50
			17578	18
June 1,		By balance due General Synod,	$2,866	29

ISAAC YOUNG,

Treasurer.

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same with the vouchers by him exhibited, and find them correct, leaving a balance due to General Synod of two thousand eight hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-nine cents.

CORNS. HEYER, } *Committee.*
W. B. CROSBY, }

New-York, 31st May, 1841.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1841.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds devoted to Education Purposes.

The Van Benschoten Fund.

The amount of this fund, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the state of New-Jersey, amounted on the 1st April, 1841, to	$19,980 00
Balance in his hands on that day,	1,288 64
Interest due on same fund 1st May, 1841,	1,466 50
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	946 00

Legacy of Miss Rebecca Knox.

The amount of this fund is $2,000, which is loaned on bond, secured by mortgage of property in the state New-Jersey,	$2,000 00
Interest due on this fund on the 1st May, 1841,	120 89
Balance due Peter Spader, Treasurer, &c., on the 1st April, 1841,	$102 00
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this fund, during the past year,	240 75
Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for education purposes.	$23,451 00

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, for the Widows' Fund	$5,000 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to this fund,	1,009 65

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, viz:	
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages on real estate, &c.,	64,948 80
Professoral Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and transferred by them to General Synod, as per account of Peter Spader, rendered 15th July, 1840,	3,150 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Notes given for subscriptions,	300 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 50

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$178 62
And there has been paid for printing, paper, &c.,	219 93

CORN'S HEYER, *President.*
W. B. CROSBY, ABM. VAN NEST, JOHN KNOX, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, 31*st May*, 1841.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Cornelius Heyer, President; Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, William B. Crosby, and Rev. John Knox, D. D., Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The following report was received from the delegates appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The undersigned, on behalf of himself and his associate delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church, the Rev. William S. Heyer, begs to state to Synod, that in the month of October last, the session of the Synod of the German Reformed Church was held at Greencastle, Penn., and was attended by your delegation. The kind reception extended to your delegates, the cordial respect shown to them during their stay, and the high degree of regard manifested toward the Synod and Church which your delegates had the honor to represent, were gratifying to us, in a very peculiar manner. The interesting state of things in that body, and their forward movement in advocacy of the great doctrines which distinguish also our own Church, and the Christian intercourse now so happily established, unite the continance of the interchange of delegations, and promise very favorable results.

GEO. H. FISHER.

Hudson, 31*st May*, 1841.

The Rev. William Wilson, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a corresponding delegate, and laid on the table of the Synod a copy of the Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at their last session, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following report was received from the delegate to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The undersigned, in fulfilment of the appointment by General Synod in 1840, attended, as corresponding delegate, the session of

the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in May. He was kindly and affectionately received, and experienced great gratification during his attendance on its deliberations. The Assembly appointed delegates to attend our General Synod during its present session.

THOMAS DE WITT.

June 2, 1841.

A copy of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, held at Toronto, in July, 1840, was laid before Synod, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and took his seat as a corresponding delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and laid on the table six copies of the Minutes of the Assembly for 1840, and also presented, in the name of the Assembly, a volume containing the records of the Presbyterian Church to the year 1788, when the Assembly was organized. The documents were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson, the corresponding delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, on taking leave of the Synod, submitted, in conformity with the articles of correspondence, certain propositions pertaining to the general interests of religion, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Mr. Ananias Platt, a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as corresponding delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

A communication was received from the Rev. Isaac Gerhart, one of the corresponding delegates appointed by the German Reformed Synod, setting forth the reasons why neither he nor any of the other delegates from that Synod were able to attend.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report to Synod, that from the examination of the Minutes presented to them by the

corresponding bodies, they find nothing particularly claiming the attention of this Synod.

The committee are happy in finding that the correspondence with the General Assembly, with whom so long a happy intercourse was maintained, is renewed. The committee would recommend that the work presented by the delegate from that body to this Synod, entitled "The Records of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America," be placed among the archives of this Synod, and that the thanks of this Synod be hereby expressed for said work.

With regard to the propositions laid upon the table of Synod by the delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, your committee beg leave to observe, that whilst the increase of Popery in our country and the world is an alarming fact, and whilst there is reason to believe that there may be a revivification of the man of sin to a greater extent than heretofore has been known, before the cry is heard, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen," and whilst the signs of the times call for increased union and exertion among all the Protestant churches, in resisting the inroads of this fell destroyer; at the same time, until Synod know more definitely the nature of the action here presented for their consideration, they deem it not advisable for them to commit themselves in regard to the prosecution of any ulterior measures.

As a copy of the Minutes of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada has been forwarded to this Synod, they recommend that a copy of the Minutes of this Synod be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to that body. The committee regret to learn from the letter received from our brethren of the German Reformed Church, that they have been prevented in Providence from meeting with us at this time.

The committee beg leave to present a double number of delegates to the corresponding bodies, for Synod, from which to make a selection.

The Committee on Correspondence would further recommend, that the delegates to the German Synod, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, be instructed to suggest to these re-

spective bodies, the propriety of so altering the terms of correspondence with them, as that hereafter the delegation to and from them, shall consist of one minister only.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to elect the same, when the following were chosen. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., and the Elder, Isaac Roosevelt, *Primarii;* and the Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, and the Elder, Frederic Erringer, *Secundi.*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church—Rev. John Garretson and Douw Van Olinda, *Primarii;* and the Rev. Richard Sluyter and George Dubois, *Secundi.*

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—Rev. Robert P. Lee, *Primarius;* Rev. Brogun Hoff, *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports on the State of the Churches.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee of arrangements, consisting of the Rev. Ransford Wells and Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elder Isaac Hutton.

Resolved, That a Synodical prayer meeting be held every morning during the present session, at 6 o'clock, in the lecture room of the Middle Dutch Church in this city.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

While time is rolling on, and God is accomplishing his purposes of mercy and grace in the world, we stop to review the past eccle-

siastical year, and enquire in what way and how far we have subserved the Divine purposes.

The facts in the case we gather principally from a careful review of the reports of the particular Synods. From these we observe that the churches within our bounds are, to a large extent, (larger perhaps than ever before,) supplied with the stated ministration of the sanctuary. Nor are the people regardless of their privileges. The general attendance on the means of grace is good and encouraging. The truth is maintained, and in general faithfully preached. Peace and external prosperity, on the whole, enjoyed. The order of God's house, and wholesome discipline, observed.

One classis reports that they "deplore the little regard of some of the churches to social prayer meetings, and the cultivation of practical piety, and mention with regret the small number of Sabbath schools and scholars in proportion to their importance." Another classis reports, "They deeply lament that catechetical instruction is almost universally neglected in the present system of religious education." With these, and some other exceptions, those institutions, bearing upon the religious instruction and spiritual prosperity of the church, are exerting their happy influences.

Some of the classes report small additions to their churches of professing members. One says, "an unusual degree of spiritual drought prevails in most of the congregations, and the classis laments a prevailing state of declension in piety, and mournful state of ease in Zion." Another "mourns that there are no facts which indicate a progressive movement of religion, and declare that among all the particulars which go to make up a state of moral, religious and spiritual prosperity, there is not one in our churches as it should be; and in most of those particulars there has been in each church a visible declension." Such scenes presented to us, in our spiritual Zion, are sad and humiliating, and call from those engaged in cultivating these fields, confession, prayer, and renewed activity. While such is the view presented to us by some portions of our Zion, we can turn to fairer prospects. Most of the classes report encouraging additions to their churches, and some

that have enjoyed the special outpourings of the Spirit. Among such may be mentioned—the churches of Freehold, Middletown, and Middlebush, in the Classis of New-Brunswick; and the churches of West-Troy, second church of Albany, Jerusalem, and Westerlo, in the Classis of Albany. In the Classis of Greene, "The churches of Leeds, Kiskatom, and the first church of Coxsackie, have been refreshed with an extensive outpouring of the Spirit, and large numbers have been added to these churches as the fruits of the revivals they have enjoyed." We can turn with special gratification to the Classis of Schenectady. The ten congregations composing this classis have all been visited with copious showers of grace. "Large additions have been made to all the churches, and forming an aggregate, according to the statistical tables, of four hundred and sixty-one, and an average of forty-six. The revivals are represented as characterized, on the part of God, with melting demonstrations of the Spirit, and, on the part of the church, with much decency and order, abundance of prayer, and faithful and pure gospel preaching.

When the Lord has been pleased thus to manifest his gracious presence in some of our churches, we have occasion for adoring gratitude, and reason to take courage and go forward in the work of the Lord. The seed must be sown—it may lie long buried—but, in God's due time, it will spring up and grow, and produce a harvest to gladden the hearts of his people, and produce fruit unto eternal life.

The benevolent operations of the day, we believe, are receiving more or less attention in our churches; in some more than they have in times past. The church of Poughkeepsie is presented by their classis as "particularly worthy of note, for their efforts during the past year, and a model for all their churches." Though much may have been done on this subject, yet is much done commensurate with its importance? The wants of the church are great and growing. Is not the ability great and increasing? There is a falling off, and insufficiency in the contributions to some of our benevolent operations. Should this be so when so much of wealth is placed in the hands of those connected with our Reformed Zion?

Did we practically believe the truths, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth," and "The liberal soul shall be made fat," we should not hear of empty treasuries, or become short in our duty to our fellow men now destitute and perishing.

From the report on Foreign Missions, it appears that our missionaries to Borneo are becoming permanently settled on the fields of their labors, and have commenced their work with encouraging prospects. We trust their self-denying labors will not be in vain in the Lord. Let our hearts go after them, and let us too encourage and sustain them by our gifts and our prayers.

The wide field of the West has been opened and spread before us. We have listened to the cry of its inhabitants, our kindred in the flesh, "come over and help us." In answer to their cry, numbers of our brethren in the ministry are there, and successfully laboring. From the reports on Domestic Missions, it appears, churches under the fostering care of this Synod, are rising up. The truth, as exhibited in our standards, is there preached, and the orders of our house observed. Nor has God left us without witness of his blessing on our enterprise. Numbers have been gathered into the fold of Christ, and in one of our churches there a special season of the outpouring of the Spirit of God has been enjoyed.

In closing our report, we beg leave to advert to one more subject. It is one of solemn import. The Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, a father in the ministry, honored for the part he has borne in the ministry of the word, and in the councils of the church, and venerable in years, has left us behind. The Rev. J. B. Crawford, a young brother, who had just entered on his holy work with prospects of usefulness before him, has been snatched away. The admonition thus addressed us, whether old or young, as by a voice from the tomb, and in the language of the Saviour, is, "be ye also ready."

In behalf of the Committee,

G. C. SCHANCK.

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

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New-York,	John Knox,																	210 Fourth st. N.York.
	W. C. Brownlee,																	366 Greenwich st. "
	T. De Witt,	480	2880	1193	39	60	32	1	14	1245	59	5		85	4	400		62 Walker st. "
	T. E. Vermilye,																	10 Albion Place.
Franklin street,	J. B. Hardenbergh,	120		150	12	16				178	10	1						322 Greenwich st. "
Broome street,	S. A. Van Vranken,	235	1300	398														83 Greene st. "
Houston street,	I. S. Demund,				10	17	7		1	120	6		71	14	1	123		48 Macdougal st.
Greenwich,	N. I. Marselus, S. C.	300	1600	427	18	17	15		4	443	35	3	140		2	225	200	54 Hammond st. "
Twenty-first street,	E. H. May,	59	295	35	3	13	2		1	48	10		60		2	95	60	22d st. near Avenue 8.
Bloomingdale,	E. Van Aken,	70		48	15	6	3	1	2	63	15				1			Av. 8 corner 49th st.
Harlaem,	R. L. Schoonmaker,	118	464	110	7	3	4	1		117	6	2			1	100	80	Harlaem.
Fordham,	P. I. Van Pelt,	82	320		5						3							West-Farms.
West-Farms,	Vacant.	39		33	1	4			1	37	17	1			1	125	75	
Tarrytown,	G. Dubois,	87	435	123	6	9	1		1	136	6	1	50		1	70		Tarrytown.
Unionville,	W. S. Moore,	53	265	58		1				59	2				1			Tarrytown.
Staten-Island,	J. Brownlee,			141	11	5	2		2	153	17	3			1	58		Cityville, Staten Island.
Ger. Reformed Church,	Vacant.																	
Germ. Evang. M. Ch.	Vacant.			256	97		4	4	5	340	70		33	40				

Ministers without charge—Rev. C. C. Vermeule, G. Bourne J. Mulligan, J. S. Ebaugh, J. Rudy, James Buckham, and A. J. Labagh, laboring at St. Thomas, W. I.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Tompkinsville,	John E. Miller,	75	375	91	4	18	4		1	108	11	1	44		1	99	70	
South Dutch,	John M. M'Auley,	120	700	176	20	16	10		2	200	10	5			1	150	100	
Market street,	Isaac Ferris,	200	1300	421	11	11	23	4	10	410	16	6	200	15	1	267	173	
Church of Washington square,	J. M. Matthews, M. S. Hutton,	120	800	98	15	39	1		1	154	15	3	50	30	1	120	100	
Manhattan,	F. F. Cornell,			99	23	8	11		4	115	21	2	125	130	3	270	270	
Bushwick,	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	85	396	119	2	7	6		3	119	16		30		1	90	80	
Courtlandt-town,	C. D. Westbrook,	80			2	5	6		3	115	22							

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. Alburtis, James B. Amble, and C. Knouse.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.& B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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New-Brunswick,	S. B. Howe,			530	14	9	18	1	2	532	33	2						New-Brunswick.
Six Mile Run,	J. C. Sears,	190	1075	233	13		16		3	237	17	5	150		6	275		Six Mile Run.
Hillsborough,	J. L. Zabriskie,	135				7	5		3	166	20		160	272	4	272	199	Millstone.
1st Somerville,	A. Messler,	180	990	317	4	8	11		1	317	23	1	100		4	230		Somerville.
2d Somerville,	T. W. Chambers,	102	561	158	14	8	11		3	166	11	2	75		4	182	147	Do.
Bedminster,	Geo. Schenck,																	Pluckemin.
North Branch,	J. K. Campbell,																	North Branch.
Rockaway,	Jas. Otterson,				3		2		2		9	1						Whitehouse.
Lebanon,	R. Van Amburgh,																	Lebanon.
Spottswood,	J. C. Van Liew,																	Spottswood.
Freehold,	A. A. Marcelus,	150		133	29	1	2		2	159	29	12		40	1	108	80	Marlboro.
Middlebush,	J. A. Van Doren, S. C.	68	390	88	8	8	2			102	10	2	40		3	100	85	New-Brunswick.
Middletown,	Wm. Reiley,	100			13	3		1	2		4	8						Holmdel.
Middletown Village,	Vacant,																	Middletown.
Fairview,	A. D. Wilson,	35	235		1	1				26	8	1				70		Fairview, Ill.
Copperas,	Vacant.									10								

Ministers without charge—J. S. Mabon, J. J. Shultz, J. T. Beekman, J. F. Morris, S. Ostrander, A. D. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Bergen,	B. C. Taylor,	250	1400	225	3	5	2	1	2	228	26		25	30	2	158	100	Bergen, Hudson Co. N J.
English Neighborhood,	P. Duryea, D. D.	80	355	85	4	2		1	2	89	6	1			2			Eng. Neighborhood "
Hackensack,	A. H. Warner,	125	550	123	2	2		1	4	122	16		40	15	1	63		Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg,	M. Osborne,	158	735	157			1		3	153	5							" "
Belleville,	J. Garretson, S. C.	140	700	169	3	7	1		1	177	7		163	97	3	250	196	Belleville, Essex Co. "
Jersey City,	M. Lusk,	85			10	8	1			86	13		55		1	85	55	Jersey City, Hud. " "
Bergen Neck,	I. C. Boice,	90	475	58	4	1	2			61	16			15	3	150	100	Cor. Nassau & Ann, N. Y
Newark,	R. Wells,	165	900	202	28	18	11		5	232	31	6	120	40	1	230	190	Newark, Essex Co. N.J.
Clintonville,	J. A. Staats,	54	251	15	1	3	2		1	16	3		40	22	1	48	36	Camptown, " " "

Jacob Ennis, suspended from the Gospel ministry.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

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Stonehouse Plains,	Vacant,	80	370	27		2				29	10		35	6	2	80		
Pompton,	H. Doolittle,	212	1210	140	5	6	2			149	14		150		3	126	126	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains,	G. C. Schanck,	165	950	136	5	3	2		6	136	16			6	2	70	70	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Ponds, Preakness, Wyckoff,	Z. H. Kuypers,																	Paterson, "
Fairfield,	J. Wilson, S. C.	120	600	132	1		1		2	130	6				1			Caldwell, Essex Co.
Montville,	J. S. Lord,	130	800	100	10	2			2	110	6	1	40	60	1	160		Montville, N. J.
Little Falls,	J. Wilson,	110	550	32			6			26					1			

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post-Office Addresses.
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Tappan,	Isaac D. Cole,	160	800	172	5	1	9		2	167	22		25	25				
Clarkstown,	Peter I. Quick,																	
Saddle River and Paseack,	John Manley,	117	532	114					1	116	5		18		1	40	30	Scotland, Rockland County, N. Y.
		120	607	96	3					99	12	2	20		1	60	50	
Paramus,	W. Eltinge,																	
1st R. D. C. of Totowa,	Ebenezer Wiggins,	145	612	148	14	6	5		6	151	12		60		1	110		Paterson, N. J.
2d do do	John H. Duryea,																	
West New-Hempstead & Ramapo,	Peter Allen,	73	342			4	5		1	68								
		69	307	79	5		1	1	1	83	14	1						
Aquacknonk,	Wm. R. Bogardus,	210	1150	212	13	2	1		2	221	44	5			3			
Warwick,	James W. Stewart,	95	555	63	4	2				69	8	2			1	65	45	
Nyack,	Philip M. Brett, S. C.	60	300	59	10	1	4		2	64	10				1	60		
Piermont,																		

CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Brooklyn,	Maurice W. Dwight,				8	11	*21		1		12			23	3	250	200	Brooklyn.
New-Utrecht,	R. Ormiston Currie,	85	475	119	10	6	2		1	132	15	3	60	40	2	125	105	New-Utrecht.
Gravesend,	Isaac P. Labagh,	100	550	67	7	4			3	78	27	1	30	12	1	60	40	Do.
Flatlands,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	70	450	97	4				5	96	13	1	30	25	2	100	80	Flatbush.
Flatbush,	Thomas M. Strong,	100	650	137		2	2		4	133	10		25	25	2	148	110	Do.
New-Lots,	J. Abeel Baldwin,	50	300	62	4				1	65	9		20	20	1	60	50	Do.
Williamsurgh,	Wm. T. Van Doren,																	
Newtown,	G I. Garretson,	85	500	104	3	1	6		2	100	12		45	30	3	150	120	Newtown.
Jamaica,	J. Schoonmaker,	160	950	169	1	1			3	168	28		50	60	4	112	90	Jamaica.
North-Hempstead,	William R. Gordon,	56	290	66	13	4	2	1	4	76	3	5	20					Manhasset.
Oyster-Bay,																		
East New-York,	W. H. Campbell,	47	300	10	4	5				19	2		31		1	65	50	Brooklyn,
Central, Brooklyn,	Jacob Brodhead,			78	1	6	4	2	2	77					1	70	50	Do.
South R. D. Brooklyn.																		
Fourth Dutch, Do.																		
Astoria,	A. Hamilton Bishop,																	

* Dismissed to join new churches.

Ministers without charge—J. Demarest, S. C.—J. Robb.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Readington,	J. Van Liew,	200	1000	243	6	5	2		2	250	22		110	90	7	300	200	Readington, N. J.
Harlingen,	P. Labagh,	140	700	270	2	5	4		5	268			60	80	5			Harlingen, "
New-Shannock,	G. Ludlow,	200	1000	204	5	4	4		2	211	24	1						Flaggtown, "
N. & S. Hampton,	A. O. Halsey,	132	600	197	2	3	1		3	198	8							Newtown, Pa.
1st Ch. Philadelphia,	C. C. Vanarsdale,	250	1250	518	16	3	36					9			4		300	Philadelphia.
2d " "																		
3d " "	Geo. W. Bethune,	125	750	147	20	5	11		1	160	6	6	20	25	3		180	Do.
Manayunk,	S. A. Bumstead,	45	350	120	4	6	3			127	4			63	1	150	130	
Roxborough,	do.	45	350	63	8	2	3			70		3			1	130	100	
Blawenburgh,	J. R. Talmadge, S. C.	88	560	160	2	6	2		3	163	10		60	60	5	190	160	
Mt. Pleasant,	J. Van Arsdale,	70	350	74	3					77	5		30	10	1	30		White-House, Pa.
Clover-Hill,																		

Ministers without charge—Rev. J. Ludlow, D. D.. Amzi Babbit. Licentiate, Robert Clark.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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Poughkeepsie,	Alexander M. Mann,	220		482	5	15	13		5	485		27	1	40	50	1	172	131	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill,	F. M. Kip, S. C.			129	8	3	6	3	3	128		8	2	59	27	1	62		Fishkill.
New-Hackensack,	C. Van Cleef,	120	700	198	4	1	1		2	200		5							New-Hackensack.
Hopewell,	A. Polhemus,	100	600	218	6	1	2		3	220		7	4	30		3	60		Fishkill.
Fishkill Landing,	W. S. Heyer,	75		151	5	2	4		2	153		9	2			1	80	60	Fishkill Landing.
Rhinebeck,	James Lillie,																		Rhinebeck.
Hyde Park,	John C. Cruickshank,	65	400	118	3	1	7			115		6	1			1	40	38	Hyde-Park.
Linlithgow,	J. H. Van Wagenen,	160	1030	161	16	4	6		1	174		8				1	40	30	Livingson, Colum. Co.
Greenport,	Do.	77	480	28	21	1			1	52			3			1	30	20	
Greenbush,	H. Vedder,	100		100	27				2	125		10	2						Pine Plains.
Tagkanick,	Do.	90		85	47				1	132		12	4						
Red Hook,	Vacant,	50			22	2	1		2			1	2			1			Upper Red Hook.
Germantown,	Vacant.																		Germantown.
Red Hook Landing,	Vacant.																		
Glenham,	John G. Johnson,	50	200		12	29				41		2	3		25	1	80	70	Glenham.

Ministers without charge—Rev. F. B. Thomson, Missionary to Borneo. Rev. Wm. Cruickshank.—Licentiate, John Sheffield.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
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1st R. D. Albany,	Vacant,	262	1360	376	3	3	1		6	375	2				1	230	160	Albany.
2d do do	I. N. Wyckoff, S. C.	280	1339	414	34	16	11	1	6	453	40	5	213	26	2	210	170	do
3d do do	Vacant,	100	550	140	1					141	1				1	130	82	do
Church of W. Troy,	O. H. Gregory,	115	575	269	20	16	3		2	300	5	8		35	2	160	100	West-Troy
Bethlehem,	S. Kissam,	150	800		6				3						4	120		Cedar Hill.
Jerusalem,	do	60	350		14	1			1		6				1	30		
Union,	S. V. E. Westfall,	9[illegible]	528	90	3		2		2	89	17							Stony Hill,
Salem,	do	91	455	98	5	2	16	1	2	87	17							N. Baltimore,
N. Baltimore,	Vacant,	43	224	45														Coeymans.
Coeymans,	do	51	311	28											1			Stony Hill,
Onisguethaw,	do	60	401	60	4	1			1	64	21	1						
2d Ch. Berne,	do	61	363	93							6							
Cohoes,	J. M. Van Buren,	35	250	22	6	4	4			28	6				1	60	40	Cohoes.
Westerlo,	Vacant,	60	300	137	12	2	2		1	133	25	8	40	20	3	120	110	Westerlo.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

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Schenectady,	J. Van Vechten,	200	1200	364	43	8	4		10	409	34	6		40	1	287	180	Schenectady.
Amity,	Asahel Bronson,	67	320	98	5	1	1	3	3	97	11							Visscher's Ferry.
1st Ch. Glenville,	Wilson Ingalls,	162	864	175	98	4	7		4	266	22	32		105	7	270		Glenville.
2d Ch. Glenville,	Abm. I. Swits,	135	675		37	5	2		4	170	14	12		50	7	250	175	Schenectady.
Helderburgh,	John B. Steele,	105		182	64	6	2		4	240	19	1		25	4	100		Guilderland Cent.
Niskayuna,	H. A. Raymond,	135	780	224	18	2	2			242	14		20	20	3	50	40	Watervliet Centre.
Boght,	Wm. Pitcher,	65	300	75	20	10	2		6	93	32		50	50	1			Cahoes.
1st Ch. Rotterdam,	Vacant,				63													
2d Ch. Rotterdam,	do	80	250	80	43	1			4	124	10	2		20	15	35	25	
Princeton,	do																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. A. Yates, D. D., John A. Yates, D. D., Thomas Romeyn, John Nott.

Herman B. Stryker, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Bible Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Claverack,	Richard Sluyter,	210	1200	365	10		4		6	365	18				4	197		Claverack.
Ghent,	P. S. Wynkoop,				3	5	2	1	6		7	2						Ghent.
Hillsdale,																		
Kinderhook,	John C. Vandervoort,																	Kinderhook,
Stuyvesant,	A. N. Kittle,																	Stuyvesant.
Schodack,	John Gray,			240	4	10	2		4	248	15	3			3			Schodack Landing.
Hudson,	G. H. Fisher, S. C.				13	15	5		3	81	4	6			1			Hudson.
Nassau,	John P. Knox,	161	790	223	6	4	3		3	226	11				2	60		Nassau.
Greenbush,	E. P. Stimpson,	250	1525	300	1	1			5	297	7				4	120		Schodack Centre.
Blooming Grove,	J. Middlemas,	56			12	1					13	1			1	20		Defriestville.
2d Ch. Claverack,	P. S. Wynkoop, and R. Sluyter.			137	6				1	142								

Ministers without charge—Rev. Jacob Sickles, D. D., Henry Heermance and Peter Van Zandt.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Schoharie,	Samuel Robertson,	155	775	216	7	4	1	3	5	219	6	1	48		5			Schoharie, C. H.
Middleburgh,	Joshua Boyd,	37	219		2	6			2	76	5				1	40		Middleburgh.
1st Church, Berne,	R. D. Van Kleeck, S.C.	140	900	144		2	6	1		139	5				2	175	150	Berne, Albany co.
Beaverdam,	do	120	720	137	1	2	3		1	136	9				1	100	75	do
Gilboa,	C. Bogardus,	40					1				1				1	70		Gilboa.
Conesville,	do	30									1							
Sharon,	Vacant,	100		133	3	2				128		1						Gardnersville.
New-Rhinebeck,	Wm. Lochead,	80	300			2	2		1	114	5				1	30	20	Lawyersville.
Cobleskill.	do								1	33	1							
Breakabin,	J. Boyd, stat'd sup.	21	115	45					1	41	4				1	30		Breakabin.
Blenheim,	Vacant,																	Punchkill.
Schoharie Mountain,	W. Lochead,																	

Ministers without charge—Rev. Elisha Doty, Missionary to Borneo, Hart E. Waring, Missionary to the West, J. E. Quaw.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
St. Johnsville,	Abm. H. Myers,	130	650	200	10	2	7	1	1	203	11		30	20	2	80	65	St. Johnsville.
Herkimer,	J. Murphy,	200	1200	305	5				8		28		35			60		Herkimer.
Frankfort,	do.	50	200	48	1													Frankfort.
Mohawk,	do.	40		28														Mohawk.
Fort-Plain,	Vacant,	110	400	55	2	1	1		1	56						70		Fort Plain.
Canajoharie,	do.																	Canajoharie.
Currytown,	Thomas Frazer,	100			1		4		3	80	4				1		25	Root.
Mapletown,	do.	80	450	59	2				4	57	5				1		30	
Glen,	C. Jukes,																	Glen.
Auriesville,	do.																	
Florida,	Jas. Stevenson,	140	840	224	13	1	2		1	235	8				2	40		Minaville.
Stone Arabia,	Benj. B. Westfall,	160	1040	202	6	5	2			208	29							Stone Arabia.
Bowman's Creek,	J. L. Starks,	61		68	7	7	1		1	82				14	1	70		Buel.
Caughnawaga,	J. D. Fonda, S. C.	250	1150	173	19	1				193	16	5			5	175		Fonda.
Fultonville	D. Dyer, S. Sup.			42	4	5				51	4	1		15		60		Fultonville.
Manheim,	Paul Weidman,	99	720	305														Manheim.
German Flatts,	J. P. Spinner,	79	395	131					3		12		14					Herkimer.
Charlestown,																		

Indian Castle, Union Church, Ephrata, Warren and Columbia, vacant.

Ministers without charge—Rev. I. S. Ketchum, Daniel Michael, John P. Pepper, David D. Devoe and Harrison Heermance.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in the Bible Class.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Bloomingdale,	Sup. by A. Fort,																	
Clove,	J. B. Alliger,	100			6	3			1	87	15				3			Kyserike.
Dashville-Falls,	Sup. D. Van Olinda,																	
Esopus,	Abm. Fort,	165	825		4	7	2		5	214	33				3			Esopus.
Flatbush,	Vacant,			170														
Guilford,	Wm. Brush,	130	600	73	7	5	2		2	81	9	1	45	50	4	100		Tuthill Town.
Hurley,	A. Elmendorf,	80	328	92	2	4	2		5	91	6	1	40	20	1	100	45	Hurley.
Kingston,	John Lillie,																	Kingston.
Kaatsban,	H. Ostrander,																	Saugerties.
Marbletown,	C. L. Van Dyck, S. C.	200	1200	121	4	2			2	125	4		100		3			Marbletown.
New-Paltz,	D. Van Olinda,	200	1175	194	11	3	3		3	201	14	4			3			New-Paltz.
Plattekill,	M. L. Schenck,																	Saugerties.
Rochester,	Vacant.			223														Accord.
Saugerties,	C. S. Van Santvord,	120	750		17	12		2	2	126	8	2	40		2	128	100	Saugerties.
Shokon,	S. Harlow,			101														Caseville.
Woodstock,	N. Bogardus,																	Woodstock.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C.&B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Berea,	J. B. Ten Eyck, S. C.	82	410	116	2		4		3	110	8		30		2	45	35	Walden.
Bloomingburgh,	Vacant.																	Bloomingburgh.
Montgomery,	Robert P. Lee, Jr.	250	1250	436	9	3	11		3	431	39		149	120	3			Montgomery.
Shawangunk,	J. H. Bevier,	220	1300	150	4	3	2		6	150	19		130	100	6	259	200	Bruynswick.
New Prospect,	J. T. Demarest,	94	470		5		1		3	91	3		50	20				Ulsterville.
Deerpark,	C. C. Eltinge,				5	8			1	134	5	1			1			Port Jarvis,
Minisink,	Vacant.																	Montague, N. J.
Wallpach,	R. Pitts, S. Sup.																	
Newburgh,	F. H. Vanderveer,			47		5	2			50	2							Newburgh.
Walden,	Vacant.	60	320	43	6	4				53	13		40		1		65	Walden.
New Hurley,	Wm. Demarest,					1												New-Hurley.
Warwarsing,	John W. Ward, sup.																	Ellenville.
Wurtsborough,	Vacant.																	Wurtsborough.
Fallsburgh,	do																	Woodbourne.
Ellenville,	do																	Ellenville.

Ministers without charge—Rev. John M. Scribner, S. Van Vechten, A. Eggleston, J. B. Hyndshaw; candidates, Robert Pitts, Jacob Bookstaver. Foreign Missionary, Wm. Youngblood.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Geneva,	Gustavus Abeel,	85		131	18	5	5			149	16	3	50		2	100	80	Geneva.
Caroline,	G. Mandeville,																	Slaterville.
Ithaca,	J. C. F. Hoes,	120	600	169	4	18	13	1	2	174	6							Ithaca.
Arcadia,	Vacant,																	
Cicero,	do																	Newark.
Canastota,	do	33	125				4			33	4					40	30	Canastota.
Utica,	do																	Utica.
Cato,	A. Hoffman,	50	250		5	6	6	1	1	67	15							Cato.
Jamesville,	Vacant,	30	161	38					3	35	1					30	25	Jamesville.
Tyre,	Wm. Gray,	55		44	1	4				50	1			20	1	75	60	Seneca Falls.
Farmersville,	Benj. Bassler,	103	530	85	5	5	1		1	93	5		40		1	100		Farmer, Sen. Co.
Chittenango,	James Abel,	110	660	104	8	21	23	3	2	105					1		90	Chittenango.
Lysander,	Vacant.																	Lysander.
Mount Morris,	Sup. J. Hammond,																	Mount Morris.
Sandbeach,	Sup. John Moule,																	Sand Beach.
Owasco,	Wm. Evans,	105	525	150	1	1			4	147	1			30				Owasco.
Buffalo,	Sup. J. Beattie,																	Buffalo.
Lodi,	J. A. Liddle, S. C.	208	820	197	9	12	2	3	1	212	22	2	162		7	308	288	Lodi.

Ministers without charge—Rev. C. Brown, G. Mandeville, P. Stryker, H. Mandeville, T. A. Amerman, John Moule, John F. Schermerhorn, J. Beattie, J. Hammond, A. Bennet, J. G. Moule, Elbert Nevius, missionary to Borneo. S. Z. Goetchius, candidate.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Catskill,		140			14	9					13	5			1			Catskill.
Leeds and Kiskatom,	B. Hoff, S. C.	120	400		45	6			3		21	6			2	100	80	Leeds.
1st Ch. Coxsackie,	Jeremiah Searle,	183	940		48	5	18	1	7	413	24	22			1			Coxsackie.
2d Ch. Coxsackie,	W. Cahoone,	70	410	102	4	3	9			100	6				1	80		Coxsackie Landing.
Athens,																		Athens.
Prattsville,	Thos. B. Gregory,	150	700		1	4			1	125	1		6		1	45		Prattsville.
Roxbury,	R. W. Knight,	45	220		2	2				54	2				1	20		Roxbury.
Moresville,	Wm. Knight, Sup.	65								71	1							

Ministers without charge—Rev. H. P. Stimpson and Wm. Knight.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt		C. & B.C.		S. Schools.			Post-Office Addresses.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	
Tyoshoke,	J. H. Pitcher, S. C.	54	250	80	2	1				83	1			15	1	40	30	Buskirk'sBr. Wash.Co.
Easton,	Vacant,	50	200	72	1				1	73								Easton,
Fort Miller,	J. Wood,	51	250	85	8	2	6	1		88	5	3		14	1	60	45	Fort Miller,
Jackson,	J. J. Quick,	39	200	55	1	1			2	55	3			15	1	50	30	Battenville.
Northumberland,	Corns. Wyckoff,	46	230	45	9	2	2			54	1	4	6		2	80	60	Northumberland.
Saratoga,	D. A. Jones,	66	250	87	7		3			91	4	1	15		1	30	25	Schuylerville,
Schagticoke,	H. M. Boyd,	50	250	87	1				1	87	6				1	25		Junction Office.
Union Village,	B. Van Zandt,	100	320	156		2	2		2	154	2		50	50	2	150	125	Union Village.
Waterford,	Vacant.	58	210	58						58								Waterford.
Wynants-kill,	do*			38					1	38								Winants-kill.
Gansevoort,	J. Birkby,	49			4	14				34								Gansevoort.

* Cornelius Gates, pastor elect.

Ministers without charge—Elbert Slingerland, Missionary to Wisconsin.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH FOR 1841.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of Congregations.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	STATED CLERKS.
New-York,	18	22			1613	7559	224	151	2939	256	16	354	139	15	1196	Rev. N. I. Marselus,
South Classis of New-York,	7	11			680	3571	77	104	1223	111	17	449	175	8	976	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick,	16	20			960	3251	99	45	1715	164	34	525	312	22	1237	" J. A. Van Doren.
Bergen,	9	9			1147	5366	55	46	1184	123	7	443	219	14	984	" J. Garretson.
Paramus,	13	10			1059	5215	54	16	1041	127	10	123	25	8	335	" P. M. Brett.
Long-Island,	15	14			697	4175	42	36	868	128	5	291	235	20	1080	" J. Demarest.
Philadelphia,	12	11	1		1295	6910	68	39	1521	79	19	280	328	27	800	" J. R. Talmage.
Poughkeepsie,	15	12	1		917	3410	105	59	1568	73	18	129	102	11	564	" F. M. Kip.
Passaic,	9	6			817	4180	21	13	580	52	1	225	72	10	436	" J. Wilson.
Albany,	14	6			1466	7809	108	45	1670	146	22	253	81	16	1090	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Rensselaer,	11	12			677	3515	55	36	1359	75	12			15	397	" G. H. Fisher.
Ulster,	16	12			995	4878	51	36	955	89	8	225	70	19	328	" C. L. Van Dyke.
Washington,	11	10			563	2160	33	22	804	22	8	71	94	9	435	" J. H. Pitcher.
Montgomery,	23	16			1499	7045	70	22	1155	117	6	79	49	12	555	" J. D. Fonda.
Schoharie,	12	9			723	3029	13	18	886	37	2	48		12	445	" R. D. Van Kleeck.
Schenectady,	10	12			949	4389	391	37	1641	156	53	70	305	38	992	" H. B. Stryker.
Cayuga,	18	20	1		899	3661	51	70	1065	71	5	252	50	12	653	" J. A. Liddle.
Orange,	15	11	2		706	3850	31	24	1022	89	1	399	240	13	304	" J. B. Ten Eyck.
Greene,	9	8			773	2670	114	29	763	68	33	6		7	215	" B. Hoff.
	253	234	5	44	18465	86843	1662	848	23962	1983	277	4222	2496	288	13052	

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report—That they find on the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, page 24, notice of an appeal by Jacob Ennis, from a decision of said Synod, not sustaining his appeal from a decision of the Classis of Bergen, suspending him from the gospel ministry.

Also, on page 28, a resolution respecting the "propriety of requesting the Rev. Dr. De Witt to prepare a history of the Reformed Dutch Church of North-America."

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, page 5, notice of an appeal by the Classis of Orange "to the General Synod, from a decision" of said "Synod of October last, sustaining the appeal of the Rev. Samuel Van Vechten from a decision of said Classis, declaring him suspended from the ministry."

On page 6, a resolution relating to the preparation of a history of the Reformed Dutch Church, a catechism, and a system of Bible questions.

On page 24, a minute respecting "a complaint signed by a minority of the Classis of Orange."

On page 26, notice of an appeal by Mr. Best, from the Particular Synod, not sustaining his appeal "from a decision of the Classis of Schenectady, concerning his suspension from the communion of of the church of Amity.

On the minutes of General Synod, page 388, resolutions relating to "the duties of Committees on Consistorial Minutes."

R. ORMISTON CURRIE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as refers to appeals, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the preparing a history of the Church, and religious books, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Isaac Demund, Thomas De Witt, D. D., and Isaac Ferris, D. D., and the Elders, Isaac Hutton and Richard V. De Witt.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the references of the Particular Synods of Albany and New-York, in relation to the expediency of procuring the preparation of treatices on specified subjects, for general circulation in our Church, respectfully report:

I. History of our Church.—The desirableness of a work on this subject, comprising also a view of our doctrines and government, and also of our present institutions and prospects, in a cheap form, for extensive circulation, is generally acknowledged. If well executed, it will prove exceedingly valuable. A small volume, or pamphlet, may be prepared from materials now easily accessible, and be submitted to the General Synod at its next annual session. At the same time a larger work, prepared with care and leisure, is to be desired. This should contain a succinct account of the Reformation in the Netherlands, the rise and organization of the Reformed Church of Holland, an historical account of our standards, &c. to precede the history of our Church in North-America, as thorough, accurate, and condensed, as may be practicable. Time will be needed for the preparation of such a volume, that from the numerous sources the necessary materials may be gathered and arranged. Past inattention to this subject has lost to us much traditionary and documentary information. Perhaps some documents may yet be recovered. During the present meeting of the Synod, very important documents have been recovered, particularly the minutes of the Coetus, (and in part of the Conferentie,) from 1767 to 1769. These have been much desired, and were supposed to be lost. The ministers of our churches, by searching their records, and resorting to remaining sources of information, may contribute materials for the history. An octavo volume might be

prepared in the course of two years or more. Your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D. be requested to prepare a small volume containing a brief historical sketch of the Reformed Dutch Church, with a statement of the doctrines and government of the Church; and also, a view of our present condition, circumstances and prospects, and the same be submitted to the General Synod for adoption at its next annual session.

Resolved, That the ministers of our churches be requested to procure from the records, and other sources, such information as may be attainable, regarding the history of their respective churches, and transmit it to Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., and that he be requested to prepare, in such a period of time as may be convenient, a history of the Reformed Dutch Church, connecting that of the reformation in the Netherlands, the organization of the early churches of Holland, the history of its standards, with a full, accurate, and condensed history of the Reformed Dutch Church in North-America; and that, when completed, it be submitted to the General Synod.

II. Analytical Illustration of our Catechism.—We need a work, illustrating, in an analytical manner, our Catechism, in order to increase the interest and usefulness of catechetical instruction. Works of this nature are found in the Dutch language, by way of question and answer, illustrating the Heidelbergh Catechism and the Compendium. Similar works on the Westminster Catechism, as those by Fisher, Brown, &c., are well known. The recent volume published at Edinburgh, applying a more analytical method in the study of the shorter catechism, furnishes an admirable plan for illustration. A volume carefully prepared, on the plan suggested, would be very useful. The committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. James Romeyn be requested to prepare an analytical illustration of our Catechism, as an aid to parents and Sabbath-school teachers in imparting elementary instruction on its important topics, and submit the same to the Synod at its next annual session, if convenient to him.

III. Bible Manual.—This is designed to comprise a chronological and historical arrangement of the Bible, together with a comprehensive and well-arranged system of Bible questions. There is room for much improvement in a system of Bible questions; and it is desirable that our own Church should provide one for general use in its bounds. The chronological and historical arrangement of the Bible will add greatly to the system of Bible questions. Your committee recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D. be requested to prepare an analysis of the Bible, a chronological and historical arrangement preliminary to the study of the Scriptures, accompanied by a system of Bible questions more comprehensive and systematic than those in ordinary use, and if convenient to him, that he submit the same to the General Synod at its next annual session.

THOMAS DE WITT, *Chairman.*

A complaint of the minority of the Classis of Orange, against said classis, was presented, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A complaint was presented from a minority of the Particular Synod of Albany, against the decision of said Synod at their session in May last, in the case of the appeal of Mr. Simeon D. Robinson, from a decision of the Classis of Ulster, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, beg leave to report, that they have examined the documents in the caseof Rev. J. Ennis, and find that the case is regularly brought before Synod by an appeal from a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, May, 1841, page 24. The papers will be presented in the order of proceeding.

1. Report of the Committee.
2. The arrangment of the documents.

1. Particular Synod of New-York,—page 23, 24.

2. The appeal and reasons.

3. The book of Classis, with references to letters and communications.

3. Documents referred to on the part of Mr. Ennis.

4. The continuance of the case to its issue.

The appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, in relation to the complaint against him by the consistory of the church of Amity, has been referred to this committee. The appeal is in order. The documents to be read, besides the sentence and appeal, are,

1st. The acts and proceedings of the consistory of the church of Amity, September 1840.

2d. Answer of Mr. Best to the charges preferred against him by the consistory.

3d. Acts and proceedings of the consistory, October 29th and 30th, 1840.

4th. The appeal of Mr. Best from the decision of the consistory to the Classis of Schenectady.

5th. The proceedings of the Classis of Schenectady and

6th. The proceedings of the Particular Synod of Albany in the case.

Another appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, has been referred to us, relating to Mr. Best's complaint against the Consistory of Amity. This is out of order, as Mr. Best did not give to Particular Synod notice of his intention to appeal at the time when he conceived himself to be aggrieved, as the Constitution requires in such cases, Chapter II, Article I, Section 7.

A complaint of a minority of the Classis of Orange, in relation to certain proceedings of said Classis in the case of Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, has been referred to this committee. On a review of the proceedings in the case, the complaint appears to be in order, because though the complaint is dated nearly a month after the proceedings complained of, yet the same appears by consent of the

the Classis, to have been substituted instead of a complaint, of which seasonable notice had been given. The only documents to be read, are,

1st. The paper signed G. S. Corwin.

2d. The complaint signed G. S. Corwin, S. Van Vechten, J. M. Scribner.

3d. The proceedings of Classis, pages 198, 199, 226.

An appeal of the Classis of Orange, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, in the case of Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, has been referred to your committee. The appeal appears to be regularly brought before Synod, the constitutional steps having been taken. Your committee recommend, that after the sentence appealed from, and the appeal and reasons thereof, shall have been read, then all the proceedings of the Classis, and all the proceedings of the Particular Synod in the case, be read, beginning with the former.

The committee have also had under consideration, a paper referred to them, coming from a minority of the Particular Synod of Albany, complaining of the action of said Synod, in the case of Mr. Simeon D. Robinson. The complaint appears not to have been regularly brought, notice of the complaint not having been given to the judicatory, whose act is complained of.

All which is respectfully submitted,

R. D. VAN KLEECK, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Synod took up the complaint of the minority of the Classis of Orange. The President having announced that the Synod was about to pass to the consideration of Judicial Business, Synod proceeded to consider the complaint in the following order.

1. The complaint was read.

2. The documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

3. The complainants were heard by the Rev. S. Van Vechten.

4. The Classis were heard in defence of their proceedings, by Rev. F. H. Vanderveer.

5. The complainants were heard in reply, by the Elder G. S. Corwin.

At this stage of the proceedings, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, it clearly appears from the documents which have been read in the complaint of the minority of the Classis of Orange, and from the pleadings which have been heard, that the whole matter in question is intimately connected with the appeal of the Classis of Orange, Therefore

Resolved, That the next step in order, in the trying this complaint, viz :—deliberations by the Synod, be laid on the table until the Synod reach the same point in the trial of the appeal.

Whereupon Synod took up the appeal of the Classis of Orange, from the Particular Synod of Albany, sustaining the appeal of the Rev. S. Van Vechten from the decision of the Classis of Orange, suspending him from the ministry.

The Rev. J. T. Demarest and C. C. Eltinge, were recognized as Commissioners from the Classis of Orange, and the Rev. Dr. Andrew Yates, as Commissioner from the Particular Synod of Albany.

The Synod considered the appeal in the following order.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.

3. The documents, by consent of parties, were considered as having been read.

4. The Classis of Orange were heard in support of their appeal by their commissioner, the Rev. J. T. Demarest.

5. The Rev. Mr. Van Vechten was heard in opposition to the appeal.

6. Classis were heard in reply, by their commissioner, the Rev. C. C. Eltinge.

7. The Particular Synod were heard in explanation of their proceedings, by their commissioner, Rev. Andrew Yates, D. D.

The parties having withdrawn, Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide. It was

Resolved, That the Synod proceed to deliberate on the complaint and appeal, combined.

The roll was called, and the opinions of the members expressed. Whereupon the following resolutions were moved and seconded, and the question being taken upon them they were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod do not sustain the appeal of the Classis of Orange, for the following reasons:—1st. The General Synod, at its session, June, 1840, declared that "the Rev. S. Van Vechten did not *so refuse* explanation of the points on which he was suspected, as to subject himself to suspension without trial, according to the provision of the formula," and directed the Classis to institute charges against the Rev. S. Van Vechten, unless he should by farther explanation "give them satisfaction respecting his orthodoxy on those points respecting which there is sufficient ground of suspicion, and that they proceed to try the same in a constitutional manner." 2d. The Classis, at its special session in August, 1840, instituted farther examination of Mr. Van Vechten, when he submitted a paper of some length, giving his views on the points submitted, when they proceeded to consider Mr. Van Vechten suspended under the formula, for refusing to answer, contrary to the directions of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod sustain the complaint of the minority of the Classis of Orange only so far as it respects the grounds stated in the preceding resolution, for not sustaining the appeal of the Classis.

Resolved, That this Synod do not feel called upon to decide on the subject of the theological sentiments of the Rev. Mr. Van Vechten, inasmuch as the General Synod, at its special session in November last, investigated the same, as stated in a paper or memorial submitted by him, and expressed their satisfaction with the same.

Resolved, That this Synod entertain the full conviction, that the Classis were governed, in their proceedings, in relation to this mat-

ter, by a sincere regard to the preservation of purity of doctrine, according to the standards of the Church, and under the persuasion that they were conducting the same in a constitutional manner.

The *ayes* and *nays* on the first resolution having been called for, were taken, and are as follows :

AYES.

T. De Witt,
I. Ferris,
J. C. Van Liew,
P. Z. Elmendorf,
P. Wortman,
J. Garretson,
R. Wells,
W. Stephens,
G. Newkirk,
W. Eltinge,
P. Allen,
R. O. Currie,
J. Williamson,
P. Labagh,
H. Vedder,
W. S. Heyer,
A. M. Mann,
I. Roosevelt,
J. S. Lord,
J. M. Van Buren,
I. N. Wyckoff,
R. V. De Witt,
W. W. Grosebeck,
E. Alliger,
A. N. Kittle,
I. Hutton,
J. Birkby,
J. Wood,
J. J. Quick,
P. V. N. Morris,
A. Knickerbacker,
J. Murphy,
J. Starks,
W. Knox,
F. Bassler,
J. Van Vechten,
C. S. Groot,
J. C. F. Hoes,
J. Abell,
J. Romeyn,
J. Searle,
A. Van Bergen,
J. Putman.—43.

NAYS.

I. S. Demund,
E. Van Aken,
F. F. Cornell,
W. Reily,
A. A. Marsellus,
J. H. Smock,
E. Suydam,
J. R. Talmage,
P. Brett,
G. C. Schanck,
D. Jacobus,
J. B. Alliger,

B. C. Taylor,
J. W. Stewart,
G. I. Garretson,
W. R. Gordon,
I. Rapelye,
C. L. Van Dyke,
R. Sluyter,
R. Van Alstyne,
R. D. Van Kleeck.—21.

The Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Jasper Middlemas, Samuel Robertson, William Pitcher, and Thomas A. Ammerman, having voted in the Particular Synod, were excluded from voting on the above resolution.

The *ayes* and *nays* on the second resolution having been called for, were taken, and are as follows:

AYES.

T. De Witt,
I. Ferris,
J. C. Van Liew,
P. Z. Elmendorf,
P. Wortman,
J. Garretson,
R. Wells,
W. Stephens,
G. Newkirk,
W. Eltinge,
P. Allen,
R. O. Currie,
J. Williamson,
P. Labagh,
H. Vedder,
W. S. Heyer,
A. M. Mann,
I. Roosevelt,
J. S. Lord,
J. M. Van Buren,
I. N. Wyckoff,
R. V. De Witt,
W. W. Grosebeck,
E. Alliger,
A. N. Kittle,
I. Hutton,
J. Birkby,
J. Wood,
J. J. Quick,
P. V. N. Norris,
A. Knickerbacker,
J. Murphy,
J. Starks,
W. Knox,
F. Bassler,
J. Van Vechten,
C. S. Groot,
J. Putman,
J. C. F. Hoes,
J. Abell,
James Romeyn,
J. Searle,
A. Van Bergen,
S. Robertson.—44.

NAYS.

I. S. Demund,
E. Van Aken,
F. F. Cornell,
W. Reily,
A. A. Marselus,
J. H. Smock,
B. C. Taylor,
J. W. Stewart,
G. I. Garretson,
I. Rapelye,
E. Suydam,
W. R. Gordon,
J. R. Talmage,
P. Brett,
G. C. Schanck,
D. Jacobus,
J. B. Alliger,
C. L. Van Dyke,
R. Sluyter,
R. Van Alstyne,
R. D. Van Kleeck,
D. Van Olinda,
W. Pitcher,
J. Middlemas,
T. A. Ammerman.—25.

The *ayes* and *nays* on the third resolution being called for, were taken, and are as follows :

AYES.

T. De Witt,
E. Van Aken,
I. Ferris,
F. F. Cornell,
W. Reily,
A. A. Marselus,
J. C. Van Liew,
J. H. Smock,
P. Z. Elmendorf,
P. Wortman,
John Garretson,
B. C. Taylor,
R. Wells,
W. Stephens,
G. Newkirk,
J. W. Stewart,
W. Eltinge,
P. Allen,
J. M. Van Buren,
I. N. Wyckoff,
R. V. De Witt,
W. W. Grosbeck,
C. L. Van Dyke,
E. Alliger,
A. N. Kittle,
R. Sluyter,
R. Van Alstyne,
I. Hutton,
J. Birkby,
J. Wood,
J. I. Quick,
P. V. N. Norris,
A. Knickerbacker,
J. Murphy,
J. Starks,
W. Knox,

G. I. Garretson,
R. O. Currie,
I. Rapelye,
E. Suydam,
J. Williamson,
P. Labagh,
H. Vedder,
A. M. Mann,
P. Brett,
J. S. Lord,
G. C. Schanck,
D. Jacobus,
R. D. Van Kleeck,
S. Robertson,
F. Bassler,
J. Van Vechten,
C. S. Groot,
J. Putman,
J. C. F. Hoes,
J. Abell,
J. Romeyn,
J. Searle,
A. Van Bergen.—59.

NAYS.

I. S. Demund,
W. R. Gordon,
D. Van Olinda,
J. B. Alliger,
J. Middlemas,
T. A. Ammerman.—6.

The Rev. W. Pitcher, was excused from voting.

Synod took up the appeal of the Rev. Jacob Ennis, from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, not sustaining his appeal from the sentence of the Classis of Bergen, suspending him from the ministry.

The Rev. J. C. Van Liew was accredited as counsel for Mr. Ennis; the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor and Ransford Wells, as commissioners from the Classis of Bergen, and the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., as commissioner from the Particular Synod of New-York.

The Synod considered the appeal in the following order.

1. The sentence appealed from was read.

2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.

3. The documents in the case were read.

4. The parties were heard. The appellant by his counsel, and the Classis by their commissioners.

5. The commissioner from the Particular Synod of New-York was heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, and of the manner of their procedure in the case.

6. The appellant was heard in reply by his counsel.

Before proceeding to deliberate on the case, the Rev. Dr. Yates, by request of the Synod, addressed the Throne of Grace for direction. The parties then withdrew, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The roll of the Synod was called, and the opinions of the members expressed.

The following motion was then made and seconded :—*Resolved*, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this resolution, excluding those from a vote who had voted in the case, either in Classis or Particular Synod, it was decided in the *negative*.

The *ayes* and *nays* were ordered to be recorded, and are as follows:

AYES.

S. Van Santvoord,	J. B. Ten Eyck,
J. Middlemas,	F. H. Vanderveer,
H. Becker,	J. W. Ward.—6.

NAYS.

T. De Witt,	A. N. Kittle,
I. S. Demund,	R. Sluyter,
J. M. Matthews,	R. Van Alstine,
A. A. Marselus,	I. Hutton,
J. H. Smock,	J. Birkby,
P. Z. Elmendorf,	J. Wood,
W. Stephens,	J. J. Quick,
G. Newkirk,	P. V. N. Morris,
J. W. Stewart,	A. Knickerbacker,
D. C. Dusenbury,	J. Murphy,
G. I. Garretson,	J. P. Spinner,
R. O. Currie,	J. L. Stark,
W. R. Gordon,	R. D. Van Kleeck,
I. Rapelye,	S. Robertson,
E. Suydam,	W. Lockhead,

P. Labagh,
H. Vedder,
W. S. Heyer,
I. Roosevelt,
J. S. Lord,
D. Jacobus,
J. M. Van Buren,
I. N. Wyckoff,
R. V. De Witt,
W. W. Grosebeck,
J. B. Alliger,
C. L. Van Dyke,
E. Alliger,
J. Van Vechten,
W. Pitcher,
A. Yates,
C. J. Fonda,
C. S. Groot,
J. Putman,
J. C. F. Hoes,
T. A. Ammerman,
J. Romeyn,
B. Hoff,
J. Searle,
A. Van Bergen.—55.

The parties were then called in, and the result was announced, when the Rev. Dr. Van Vechten, at the request of Synod, addressed the Throne of Grace.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Matthews, D. D., W. Eltinge, D. D., Isaac Ferris, D. D., and the Elders, Richard V. De Witt and William B. Crosby, be a committee to report at the next General Synod, whether any, and if any, what rules, it may be expedient for this Synod to adopt for their government when acting as a court of appeal.

Synod took up the appeal of Mr. Abraham Best, from the decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, not sustaining his appeal from the Classis of Schenectady, confirming his suspension from the communion by the church of Amity.

The Rev. Asahel Bronson was accredited as commissioner from the consistory of the church of Amity. The Rev. D. Van Olinda was recognised as counsel in behalf of Mr. Best.

Synod proceeded to consider the appeal in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal, and reasons of appeal, were read.
3. The documents in the case were read in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The appellant was heard in support of his appeal by his counsel, and the consistory of the church of Amity by their commissioner.

5. The appellant was heard in reply by his counsel.

The parties having withdrawn the roll was called, and the opinions of the members expressed, when the following motion was made and seconded.

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this resolution, excluding those who had voted in the case either in the Classis or the Particular Synod of Albany, it was decided in the *negative*.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

A report was received from the committee appointed by the last General Synod, (p. 380,) on the subject of the manner of dealing with the baptized members of the church, which was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Andrew Yates, D. D., William S. Heyer and Isaac Ferris, D. D., and the Elders, Isaac Hutton and George Newkirk.

The committee reported, and their report was accepted: whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the two reports, embracing the whole subject, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Andrew Yates, D. D., and Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., and that they report at the next stated meeting of the Synod.

Whereas, the Particular Synod of Albany, at its last session, sustained the appeal of a person suspended, under the rule of the church, for the marriage of a deceased wife's sister, on the ground of the impropriety of the law,

Resolved, That every inferior judicatory is bound to act under the laws of the church until they shall have been regularly and constitutionally changed.

Synod took up the resolution proposed at the last General Synod on the subject of the duties of Committees on Consistorial Minutes, and adopted the same. It is as follows:

Resolved, That, according to the Constitution, it is the duty of the Committee on Minutes of Consistories, to report for correction, adjudication, or advice, all matters which may demand the action of Classes.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Certain resolutions relative to the existing enactments of the church, on the subject of the marriage of a deceased wife's sister, were proposed, and after a short discussion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the same, be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The Second Annual Report of the General Synod's Board of the Sabbath School Union was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The following report was received from the Board of Education, which was read and accepted. So much of it as related to the case of Mr. Collins, was referred to the Committee on the Professorate, and the residue to the Committee on Education.

The Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, report to Synod—the past year, like the previous, has been one of much

anxiety to your Board, and of pecuniary trial to many of their beneficiaries. No addition has been made to the number of Scholarships, of which the following have been endowed, and are now productive.

1. The Van Rensselaer. 2. Rutgers. 3. William Patterson Van Rensselaer. 4. Cornell. 5. Wyckoff. 6. Heyer. 7. Margaret Burgess. 8. John Clark. 9. Isaac L. Kipp. 10. James Bogert, Jr. 11. Tannika Turk. 12. Richard Cadmus.

At the date of the last Annual Report, your Board were left with an exhausted treasury, and a large sum due the young men under our care.

From this difficulty, we have not been entirely relieved, although we have received unexpected aid, by a legacy of $500, from a gentleman lately of Orange County, New-York. This sum was paid by his executor, J. W. Philips, Esq., a few days since, and was immediately disposed of. We do not report the name of this benevolent individual, as he requested, in his will, that no publication of his name should be made.

But, notwithstanding this most timely and unexpected addition to our funds, we have been compelled to adopt extra means to meet our liabilities, and will, on the 10th of this month, be in debt, for money borrowed on the notes of our Treasurer, to the amount of $700, to meet which we have nothing but the ordinary receipts and contributions from the churches.

We would, therefore, reiterate the necessity of more decided and systematic action, in reference to the funds raised for this charity, if the Synod desire to carry on, without embarrasment, the work of education for the gospel ministry.

We would take the liberty of suggesting something like the following plan.

First. That the Synod enjoin it on the several classes, at one of their stated meetings, to appoint annually, one or more of their number, to be their agents for this charity.

At present this appointment is made by the Board, and is not therefore, attended with the authority of a church judicature, and

is often declined, at a great loss of time to the operations of the Board.

Secondly. That the classes should request the churches under their care, to fix a definite period, at which they should attend to the collections for this object, and forward them to the Treasurer of the Board.

Your Board have hitherto received every proper applicant, reposing with confidence on the churches, to sustain us in our engagements—but during the past year, we have been compelled to decline receiving two or three promising young men. We did not dare to increase responsibilities, to meet which, we saw no immediate prospect.

Your Board have at times feared, that, from some cause or other, there was a growing dissatisfaction towards this peculiar charity; the result of which will be, to lessen the facilities now existing to poor and pious young men seeking the ministry. We are indeed aware, that in the anxiety to increase the numbers of our ministry, young men have been received who were unworthy; and we would earnestly insist on the duty of exercising great care, in the selection of candidates. It should never be deemed sufficient to constitute a claim on the charity of the church, that a young man possess piety, there ought always to be connected with it, other qualifications; there should be manifest superiority also, in perseverance and mental endowments. The Board are fully persuaded, that it would be far better both for the interest of our own church, and for the cause of Christ, that her ministry should rather be fewer in number, and strong in those points which make a ministry useful, than large in number, without a corresponding increase in talent, piety and efficiency. It should also be remembered, that while the worldly inducements, to the gospel ministry, are small to young men in the higher walks of life, they are not so to those who are the legitimate objects of this charity; on the contrary, the gospel ministry comes before them as a means of worldly advancement, and peculiarly exposes them to be influenced by motives other than a desire to glorify God. With the character and conduct of the young

men now under our care, we rejoice to be able to speak generally with approbation. The whole number on our list is thirty-eight. This number, however, has been reduced to thirty-five, who are receiving our aid. Two of our beneficiaries have nobly relinquished the appropriations granted them by the Board, having been enabled to obtain the means of prosecuting their studies from other sources. One has been cut down by the hand of death. William E. Conover, a beneficiary of the church of Greenwich, was suddenly arrested in his studies by disease, and instead of being allowed, as had been fondly hoped by many, to stand in the house of God below, and plead for his Master, he has been removed, to minister, we trust, in the upper sanctuary.

The Board would present to Synod, the name of Mr. Collins, as a suitable person to be recommended by them, to receive the aid of the Van Benschoten fund.

The amount of receipts into the treasury, during the past year, has been $4,180 61; the amount of payments has been $4,162 96, leaving a balance of $17 65.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. HUTTON, *Cor. Sec'y.*

New-York, June 1st, 1841.

The Treasurer's report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath School Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. George Bethune, D. D., John Knox, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, Gustavus Abeel, Thomas E. Vermilye, D. D., and Messrs. Martin W. Brett, John M. Keese, James D. Oliver, Charles S. Little, Cornelius L. Hardenburgh, Richard V. De Witt, and Isaac Schuyler.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education, whose term

of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. Samuel Van Vranken, D.D., Mancius S. Hutton, and Mr. Abraham Van Nest.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave to report—

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that twelve scholarships are now endowed and productive. But one of these, the Richard Cadmus Scholarship, amounts to only $1,751. By the will of Mr. Cadmus, the sum bequeathed was $2,000. The executor has, however, been obliged to reduce all the legacies of the said testator, in consequence of insufficiency of the estate to pay the full amounts.

That the benevolent intentions of the donor may be carried out, it appears just and proper that the amount paid in be suffered to accumulate until the full $2,000 shall be realized.

The number of beneficiaries aided the past year is thirty-eight, and the number now on the list is thirty-five.

The Board have been under the necessity, from lack of funds, to refuse some worthy applicants for aid. And the committee regret to state, that, notwithstanding the unexpected legacy of $500, received by the Board, they are involved in a debt of $700 for money borrowed.

This state of things calls for further action on the part of the Synod. The Board urge two important particulars, with a view to systematic operation.

It has heretofore been customary for the Board to appoint two individuals connected with each Classis as agents in behalf of this cause. But as it often occurs that the persons appointed decline the service, and as the Classis can with greater certainty ascertain who can most efficiently render the desired service, these appointments can be more happily made by them than by the Board.

And further, if arrangements can be made by the consistories of the respective churches, for attending to this system of operation in

behalf of this cause at fixed periods, more permanence and efficiency will be given to the important movements of the Board.

Another subject of moment in this matter is the increasing debt of the Board. How far it is prudent for the Board to pursue the plan of borrowing money, it is difficult to determine; and the committee earnestly recommend to the attention of the Board the resolutions of General Synod, on page 393, of Minutes of 1840. A careful attention to the principles therein expressed, may be instrumental in limiting the amount of indebtedness.

The Board fear there is a growing dissatisfaction towards this peculiar charity; and from the diminished contributions to their treasury, there may be cause for such fear. Your committee are aware, that, in every benevolent operation, experience shows there may be abuses; but when these are detected and promptly remedied, the experience proves of value for the future. In this the Board no doubt have profited, and their carefulness in selecting suitable beneficiaries, and the correctness of the conduct of those now under their care, is evidence of the discrimination of the Board, and a commendation of the present recipients of the church's favor in this department.

The receipts into the treasury of the Board, for the past year, amount to $4,180 61, and the expenditures to $4,162 96, leaving a balance on hand of $17 65.

From the report of the Treasurer of Rutgers College, we learn that the amount of the Van Benschoten Fund is,	$19,980 00
And the amount of the Knox Fund is,	2,000 00
The amount of the twelve scholarships invested by the Board of Corporation of General Synod,	23,451 20
Together making a total of	$45,431 20
The interest of which is devoted to the education of indigent students. Besides which there is in the hands of the treasurer of Rutgers College, interest on Van Benschoten Fund,	$1,288 64
And interest on the Knox Fund, due 1st May last,	120 00
And interest due on Van Benschoten Fund,	1,466 50

The Second Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath-school Union of General Synod has been examined by your committee. From this it appears that there are now *seventy-one* schools connected with this Union, and these exist in *forty-nine* churches. It is to be regretted that so small a number of the churches have as yet placed their schools under the care of the Synod's Board; and your committee believe it important that the principles and plan of operation of this Board should be more carefully examined, and acted on by the churches under the care of the Synod. The Board make application to the General Synod for the privilege of conferring Honorary Membership; and as this may be a means of increasing the funds of the Board, it is advisable to grant the request, subject however to a restriction of such members from the right of voting.

It is to be regretted that the Board should, at the close of the second year of its existence, be found in debt to the amount of $600. The committee feel that great caution is necessary on the part of the Board, not to suffer a heavy accumulation of indebtedness. And as most of the churches, whose schools are in connection with this Board, are able to meet the expenses of their respective schools, your committee would urge the Board to insist, in such cases, on the payment, by such churches, of the full amount of the value of the books they draw from the depository. This will doubtless enable the Board, by collections and donations, to aid such schools as are really unable to meet their own expenses.

In conclusion, your committee submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod cause the annual interest on the scholarship endowed by the late Richard Cadmus, deceased, to be added to the principal already invested, until the same shall have accumulated to the amount of two thousand dollars.

2. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be instructed, at their stated sessions, succeeding the stated sessions of the General Synod, to appoint one or more agents in behalf of the Board of Education, and that the stated clerks of the respective Classes notify the said Board of the agents so appointed.

3. *Resolved*, That the Classes urge upon the consistories of the churches under their care, to fix a stated period at which their contributions to the Board of Education shall be made.

4. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Board of Education be specially called to the 6th and 7th sections in the plan for the organization of said Board, as found on page 73, Minutes of General Synod, of June, 1832.

In regard to the Sabbath-school Union of General Synod, the committee submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That on the payment of thirty dollars, the Board of Sabbath-school Union be authorized to issue certificates of life membership to the respective donors, who shall be entitled to meet with said Board, and take part in their deliberations.

2. *Resolved*, That said Board require of consistories able to pay the expenses of the Sabbath-schools in their respective churches, the full amount for which books shall be drawn from the depository for said schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Rutgers College, and referred to the Committee on Education.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

The following named young men have received aid from the interest arising from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds, from 1st April, 1840, to 1st April, 1841.

Van Benschoten Fund.

E. Vedder, ...	$143 00
F. T. Drake, ...	120 00
J. Watson, ...	120 00

A. C. Millspaugh, . . .	120 00
C. Spaulding.	143 00
W. E. Turner, ...	120 00
G. M. P. Myer, ...	120 00
R. H. Steele, ...	60 00

Knox Fund.

R. Willis, ...	120 00
A. B. Winfield, ...	120 00
	$1186 00

Five of the above named young men leave here at the next commencement.

Amount of the Van Benschoten Fund, 1st April, 1841,	$19,980 00
Interest on do. do. do. due 1st May, 1841,	1,466 50
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	1,288 64

Amount of the Knox Fund, 1st April, 1841,	$2,000 00
Interest on do. do. due 1st May, 1841,	120 00
Balance due the Treasurer,	102 89

P. SPADER,
Treasurer Rutgers College.

New-Brunswick, June, 1841.

The following report was received from the Superintendents of Rutgers College, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College beg leave to present to the General Synod their Annual Report. They are gratified in being able to state, that the institution continues to prosper, and to advance in usefulness and respectability. From a recent report of the Faculty to the Board, it appears, "That the whole number of students at this time in actual attendance upon the lectures is eighty-two, of whom there are in the

Senior Class,	20,
Junior Class,	22,
Sophomore Class,	20,
Freshmen Class,	20,
	82.

"That at a meeting of the Trustees, in April last, the permanent services of Dr. Beck were secured, as Professor of Chemistry. That in addition to his duties in that department, he will lecture also on Botany and Mineralogy, and on Experimental Philosophy, which latter subject has heretofore been intrusted to the Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Beck is now engaged in a short course of lectures on Botany and Mineralogy, to the Senior Class, under the recent arrangement.

"They further report, that at the said meeting of the Trustees, an adjunct Professor of Languages was also appointed, who has entered upon the duties of his station. By this arrangement, the Faculty hope to be able to dispense with the services of a tutor, after the approaching Commencement, at which time the engagement of the present incumbent will terminate.

"A Professor of the French language, and a Professor of the German language, have also been appointed. The prior engagements of the former, have not permitted him as yet to commence his duties here, but in the meanwhile, the German Professor, in addition to his appropriate duties, is now teaching the French language also, to the entire satisfaction of his employers and the Faculty of the College. Opportunity is thus offered to acquire a knowledge of modern languages, which many members of this institution, and of the Theological Seminary, have readily embraced.

"The Grammar School connected with the College, has lately been placed under the care of the Rev. Mr. Van Liew, late of Spotswood. No return of the actual number of pupils there has been made to this Faculty, but it is understood to be in a prosperous condition. From the established character of the rector, as a teacher, no doubt is entertained of the complete success of the school so intimately connected with the prosperity and best interests of this College.

"The Faculty are gratified in being able to report their entire satisfaction, as to the diligence and general conduct of the students. Nothing has occurred during the whole academic year, now nearly expired, to qualify in the slightest degree the commendation of the Faculty of the moral deportment and studious habits of the present members of the classes."

The Synod are aware, that, since the last communication from this Board, the Rev. Professor Milledoler, who so long and so successfully discharged the office of President of the institution, has resigned his situation, and that the Hon. Abraham Bruyn Hasbrouck has been appointed to succeed him. The latter gentleman has had charge of the College since September last, and the Board have entire confidence he will continue to fulfil the expectations which a knowledge of his character induced the Trustees to form at the time of his appointment.

The Rev. John Ogilby, the Professor of Languages, having received a call to a more extended field of usefulness, has also resigned his professorship. The Trustees elected the Rev. John Proudfit, of New-York, to take his place. Mr. Proudfit entered upon the duties of his office some months since, and has discharged them with great acceptance.

While the Board congratulate the Synod upon the report which they are able to present, they would desire to praise God for his goodness manifested during the past year. That he has continued to smile upon the efforts which have been made to advance the cause of sound learning and true religion. That he has opened the hearts of many to give liberally towards the further and permanent endowment of this seat of science; and that while some of the fathers are falling asleep, he has continued to raise up other friends and benefactors, to cherish its interests, and successfully uphold its banner among the favored institutions of our country.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN KNOX,
SAMUEL B. HOW,
C. L. HARDENBERGH,
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST.

June 12*th*, 1841.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The period for which the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary were elected, having expired, Synod proceeded to a new election. Nominations were received from the Classes of New-York, South Classis of New-York, New-Brunswick, Long-Island, Poughkeepsie, Paramus, Bergen, Passaic, Washington, Schenectady, Ulster, Montgomery, Schoharie, Rensselaer, Cayuga, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations, to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for the classes which have not nominated. The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the names of the persons chosen to constitute the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, viz: Rev. Nicholas I. Marselus, John E. Miller, Ransford Wells, J. Addison Van Doren, Wilhelmus Eltinge, D. D., Isaac P. Labagh, Garret C. Schanck, John H. Van Wagenen, Gabriel Ludlow, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D. D., John Lillie, James Romeyn, Richard D. Van Kleeck, Jacob D. Fonda, Abraham J. Swits, Hugh M. Boyd, John A. Liddle, John C. Vandervoort, and Ferdinand H. Vanderveer.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit the following as their report, viz:

The documents placed in their hands have been carefully examined, and in reference to the various subjects contained therein. The committee would call the attention of Synod to them in order.

1. *The Report of the Board of Direction.* The special point of attention here, is the fact, that the subscriptions to the third professorship are not in some cases promptly paid—a circumstance to be greatly regretted, as it may affect the ability of the Board to meet the necessary expenses of the Theological School.

It appears that notes have been given in numerous cases by the subscribers, and that they have expected to be only called on for the interest, annually, being left to their own option as to the time of taking up their notes. See Minutes of General Synod, for 1835, pages 346, and 423.

In the Synod of 1840, the collection of these was recommended, and now there seems to be no other course, than for the Synod to re-enact the same recommendation, and leave the matter to the judgment of the Board of Direction, expressing the earnest hope that the parties interested will faithfully meet their pledges.

2. *Superintendents of Theological Seminary.* This Board present, for the consideration of the Synod, their present organization, of which they solicit a modification, so that the members chosen may serve for three years, and thus secure constantly in the Board the services of those who are familiar with its business.

In this arrangement there is an evident propriety, and the committee accordingly recommend to Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the Board be chosen hereafter for three years.

Resolved, That the Board now chosen shall, at the ensuing meeting, arrange itself by lot into three classes; the first to serve for one year, the second for two years, and the third for three years; and that the Board report annually what seats become vacant each year.

In reference to the stated clerk of the Board, your committee recommend that he be a permanent officer, i. e. continue from year to year until he shall resign, or any Board, for sufficient cause, shall elect a successor.

The subject of the incidental expenses of the Board of Superintendents, has again been brought up; the treasurer of the Board of Direction, as it is said, not being able to find authority given him to make payment of such accounts.

The General Synod, at the adjourned session of 1839, (see page 317, of Minutes,) resolved that these expenses should be paid. But whether the treasurer had no notice of such resolution, or the bill

submitted was not properly authenticated, and that either of these led him to withhold payment, does not appear. To remove all doubt, your committee recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Board of Direction be, and hereby is, authorized to pay the bills for incidental expenses of the Board of Superintendents, when the same shall have passed by the vote of the Board, and be certified by the Stated Clerk of the Board ; and that the Stated Clerk of General Synod furnish him a certified copy of this act.

With a view to secure a sufficient time for the examination of the Theological Seminary, the Board deem it desirable to have the day of their annual meeting altered.

Your committee fully coincide with the Board, and recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the annual meetings of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, begin on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in July ; and that the Stated Clerk of the Board give notice of the same, through the Christian Intelligencer, each year.

3. *Applications for Dispensations.* Mr. Charles S. Hageman, a graduate of Rutgers College, and at present a member of the Princeton Theological Seminary, asks an allowance of the time spent in said seminary, and that he may be admitted, when his studies are finished, to his examination for licensure, by one of our Classes.

The committee have examined particularly into the facts of this case, and are satisfied that Mr. Hageman's prosecution of his studies, at another seminary than that of his own Church, grows out of circumstances beyond his control ; and that while this Synod are justly cautious of any dispensations which may tend to weaken attachment to their own Institution, they should grant his request. They accordingly recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the request of Charles S. Hageman be granted ; and that when he has completed three years' study in his present

situation, he shall offer himself for examination by the Board of Superintendents, at their annual meeting at New-Brunswick; and if such examination be sustained, he receive a certificate accordingly, which shall be the warrant to the Classis to proceed to his licensure.

Jacob A. Lansing, a member of the junior class in the Theological Seminary, and forty-eight years of age, asks, that his second year may be dispensed with, and he be passed to the senior class, with a view to his licensure a year from July. This case is strongly recommended by the theological faculty, who say, that in consideration of his piety, age, gifts, prudence, and sound judgment, as well as his knowledge of Divine truth, his request may well be granted.

Your committee recommend, that the request of Jacob A. Lansing be granted; and that, at the close of the present year, he be transferred to the senior class.

4. *Van Benschoten Fund.* It appears that there will be places for five beneficiaries on this fund, at the close of the present theological year. As it is difficult for this Synod, from the want of proper documents, to judge who among the beneficiaries of the Church may have a preference of recommendation, your committee would recommend, that this matter, at the present time, be referred to the Board of Education, that they may name to the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College the persons who should be transferred to the Van Benschoten Fund; and that the trustees be requested to act on such recommendation, as if coming directly from this Synod.

5. *Rutgers College.* The committee have examined the report of the Superintendents of Rutgers College, but find nothing to require the action of Synod.

In behalf of the Committee,

ISAAC FERRIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee to whom were referred the Minutes of the extra session of the Board of Superintendents, and the papers of the Rev. Professor Milledoler, relative to certain difficulties in the Theologi-

cal Seminary, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom the Synod have referred the proceedings of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, at a special session, held in May last, to consider a memorial of twenty-six students of the Senior and Middle Classes, in relation to the course of instruction in the department of the Professor of Didactic Theology, and also certain communications from the Professor, in relation to the same, beg leave to report:

Your committee cannot but remark, that serious difficulties encompass the subject presented to their consideration in said papers. Still they trust, while many great interests of your Seminary and Church are involved, that in the gracious leadings of the God of Zion, we shall find the way of duty made clear.

That every branch of the Church of Christ is bound to pay especial attention to the mode, the character, and the adequacy of the instructions whereby her youth are to be fitted for the great and responsible office of the ministry of reconciliation, is a principle long ago established and acted on by our Church. She has always deemed it a matter of the greatest moment, to train up her sons in such a way as to furnish the Church with a ministry fully qualified to *teach* men the great system of the truths of salvation. Success has hitherto, to a desirable extent, met her wishes, and been the fruit of the divine blessing upon her efforts. Time and experience have, however, shown that our plan of instruction admits of and needs improvement. Our system appears to require that which will call forth, to a greater degree, the exercise of the powers of the mind, as well as secure an increased amount of knowledge of the important doctrines of the gospel.

The use of a text-book, in the course of instruction, should by all means be continued. Such guides have, for ages past, been considered by the Church, of importance, in imparting instruction in the various branches of Theology. We would not lay them aside. Their main use, however, is to indicate in general the course of instruction to be pursued by the Professor. A text-book, we ap-

prehend, is not so much a book from which the student is to *learn*, as it is a *general guide* to the Professor in *teaching*.

Your committee beg leave further to remark, that they feel strong doubts and apprehensions in relation to the propriety of receiving and acting on memorials from students in literary and theological institutions, bearing personally upon any of their instructors, inasmuch as a dangerous precedent in its practical operations is introduced. Such, however, is now the state of things bearing upon the interests of our Theological Seminary, that it becomes the duty of the General Synod to direct their attention to it.

In view of these facts and circumstances, your committee have come to the conclusion, that the following course pursued will be the one most likely to lead to happy results to our Theological Seminary.

1. *Resolved*, That while this Synod do not decide against the abstract right of memorial by the theological students, yet, in view of the circumstances of the case, the memorial of certain students in the Theological School, laid upon the table of this Synod by the Board of Superintendents, be returned to said Board, with the request that the students be allowed by them to withdraw said memorial; and that the Didactic Professor also have leave to withdraw the papers on the table of Synod, presented by him, and growing out of said memorial.

Whereas, it is known by this Synod, that difficulties exist in the Theological Seminary, in connexion with the Didactic Professorship, of such a character as to require the attention of this body, therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of five ministers and two elders, be appointed by this body, to convene at New-Brunswick, previous to the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents, to inquire into the facts necessary to a competent understanding of the case.

3. *Resolved*, That if, upon examination, they should find any thing in the existing mode of instruction, in said department, that operates as a hindrance to, or fails in securing the great object had

in view in the establishment, of said branch of study, said committee be, and hereby are authorized, so to alter the plan and mode of instruction as to secure the greatest attainable efficiency, and thereby carry out the designs of the Church in the institution and endowment of the School. Said committee shall submit their plan to the Board of Superintendents for their concurrence, and it shall be agreed upon and adopted by them in joint meeting.

4. *Resolved*, That as soon as said plan shall be so adopted, it shall be forthwith laid before the Didactic Professor, and shall be the law regulating the course of instruction in said department until the next meeting of General Synod, when it shall be referred to them for revision and final action.

5. *Resolved*, That this committee be authorized to take into consideration whatever they may deem important to the interests of the Theological Seminary in any of its departments; and, if they deem it expedient, after consultation with the Professors, to report on the same, to the next General Synod; and if they propose any alterations in the course of study in any of the departments, such alterations, if approved by the Board of Superintendents, shall be considered as in force, until the next session of General Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Andrew Yates, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, John Garretson, and Thomas M. Strong, and the Elders, William B. Crosby and Isaac Roosevelt, be said committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GARRETSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitations.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions submitted his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report of the treasurer of the Board of Missions of the General Synod was received, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A memorial from the Netherlands Missionary Society to the Colonial Department, and a letter from Mr. Martini, Chargè-d'Affairs of the Netherlands to the United States, to the Rev. Dr. Bethune, late President of the General Synod, were laid before Synod, accompanied with translations of the same, which were referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Domestic Board be requested to lay on the table of Synod a statement of the amount of appropriation to each church under the care of the Board.

The secretary presented the statement accordingly, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. John M'Auley preached the annual missionary sermon, before the Synod, in the Middle Reformed Dutch Church in this city, on the evening of the fifth day of the session, from *Prov.* iii. 35, "the wise shall inherit glory."

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Missions of the General Synod, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., Benjamin C. Taylor, James B. Hardenbergh, D. D., and Messrs. Abraham Van Nest, John D. Keese, James Van Antwerp, Jacob Brower, Garrit Van Doren, M. D., Isaac Young and James Anderson, M. D.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following was elected, viz: Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., John M. M'Auley, Isaac Ferris, D. D., and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen and William B. Crosby.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the annual missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Abraham Messler was chosen *primarius*, and the Rev. John Garretson *secundus*.

A letter was received from Mr. Henry Hill, Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, relative to the receipts and expenditures of the Missions under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Dutch Church, which was read and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report—

The examination of the documents put into their hands has given them the highest satisfaction. The enlargement and improvement of the Church in our own land, and the preaching of the gospel to all the nations of the earth, are duties devolving upon the disciples of Christ, now universally acknowledged and regarded as imperious. The cause of Missions stands higher, and is considered as more

important in our churches than at any preceding period of our history. There is a livelier interest taken in the details of missionary operations, and a readier liberality in sustaining them. This state of things imposes on our Boards of Missions high and holy responsibilities. It taxes their wisdom, to direct, in proper channels, the awakened energies of the Church, and it calls upon them to employ with prudence and adaptation the means and appliances put into their hands.

Your committee are greatly pleased with the spirit which pervades these reports, and the evidence they exhibit that if the work of Missions is not prosecuted with vigor, zeal and efficiency, the blame cannot be imputed to the unfaithfulness of our appointed agents. The boards, both Foreign and Domestic, seem to be encouraged by the results of the past year, and ask of the Synod the means of enlarging their fields of labor, and pressing forward their work with more energy.

Foreign Missions. Our number of missionaries in the foreign field is increasing. We have one, missionary at Macao, in China, two missionary families on the island of Borneo, one at Batavia, on the island of Java, and one among the Dutch in South Africa, including seven ordained missionaries, six of whom have families, and one single female. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Van Doren, and Rev. Mr. Stryker, have probably reached Batavia by this time, and as soon as practical, will sail for the island of Borneo.

The Rev. Messrs. Steele and Sheffield, licentiates of the last class in our Theological Seminary, have been accepted, and expect to be sent out during the present year.

It will thus be seen, that our missionary operations are spread over a wide surface, and are assuming a high degree of interest.

It is mentioned by the Secretary, that the missionaries have not written to the Board as often as is desirable. They have no doubt good reasons for it; but your committee would suggest, that the Board, in their correspondence with them, might refer to that subject, and urge them not only to keep regular journals, but to write as often and as fully as the circumstances of the case admit.

The following abstract of expenses is taken from a statement made by the Treasurer of the A. B. C. F. M.

The expenses of our Foreign Missions, during the year ending July 31, 1840, were	$13,370 08
For the ten months, ending May 31, 1841,	13,062 59
In this time we have paid into the Treasury of the A. B. C. F. M.—	
For the year ending July 31, 1840,	8,892 16
Last ten months, ending May 31, 1841,	5,882 65
Leaving a balance against us for the last year and ten months, of	$11,657 86

This amount has been paid by the American Board. The whole amount reported, as received by our Treasurer the last year, is $8,827 56, being less than the amount of the preceding year, by $322 69, while our expenditures have considerably increased. Your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, be requested to transmit, annually, through the Board of Foreign Missions of General Synod, an account of expenditures, in sustaining the mission of the Reformed Dutch Church, specifying the objects for which, and the persons to whom payments are made.

The embarrassments which for a few years past have attended our operations in the foreign field, are in a measure overcome. Our missionaries, after remaining a year at Batavia, on the island of Java, are permitted to occupy any part of the great island of Borneo, which not only opens an ample field, but calls as loudly for missionaries, and promises as rich a harvest of usefulness as any part of the heathen world. From the correspondence which has taken place between the General Synod and the king of Holland, through the Colonial Department, and the Netherlands Missionary Society, we learn that he is unwilling to make any change in the terms by which our missionaries are detained a year at Batavia,

and limited to the island of Borneo, unless they will put themselves under the care of the Netherlands Missionary Society. This your committee deem inexpedient and impracticable, and recommend to the Synod to submit to the delay and the limitation, rather than give up, in any respect, the entire direction and control of their missionaries, and form an intimate connexion with a Society subject to the civil power, and too far off for the purposes of co-operation. Besides, we have learned by experience, that the conditions which we at first thought oppressive and difficult, are not very serious hindrances. One year at Batavia can be employed in the acquisition of languages, and in becoming otherwise qualified for future missionary work, and there is no limit to the number of missionaries that may find places and work on the island of Borneo.

All we seem to need to realize our most sanguine hopes, is the selection of pious, devoted, and able men; a degree of liberality corresponding to the increasing number and extent of our missions; and the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit. "Thy kingdom come."

Domestic Missions.—The report of the Domestic Board is an exceedingly interesting document, and presents the operations of that Board, in a most encouraging aspect. During the past year, aid has been rendered to thirty-three new or feeble churches, and in most of them, with very encouraging results. The weak have been strengthened, the desponding revived, and those that were doing well, inspired with redcubled energy.

Your committee approve the policy of the Board in limiting their appropriations strictly to the necessities of the case, and withholding them as soon as the churches are able to support themselves.

Thee special blessing of God, seems to attend our labors in the Western States. Eight churches have been organized, embracing one hundred and thirty communicants, and supplied by seven missionaries. In the states west of Ohio, during the present year, it is probable that two Classes will be organized in Illinois and Michigan. Your committee would congratulate the Synod on the successful commencement of their labors in this field, and urge

them to enlarge and multiply as rapidly as the churches will furnish the men and the means.

It will be seen by a reference to the Treasurer's report, that notwithstanding the strict economy of the Board, their income has not met their appropriations. There are now orders on hand to the amount of several hundred dollars beyond the avails of the treasury; and during a part of the year, the missionaries suffered considerable embarrassment. The receipts of the past year, were $5,889 87.

It is suggested to the Synod, that the word Domestic ought to be inserted in the style and title of the Board, and that it be called the Board of Domestic Missions.

Both Boards speak not only of the inadequacy of their receipts to meet the wants of the cause, but of the necessity of some more efficient agency in bringing the churches up to the work; and this complaint has been repeated by our Boards for several years past.

Your committee would ask, if the experience of the past has not proved that the system of classical agency does not meet the exigencies of the times? Or rather, they would inquire, if our missionary concerns have not become so enlarged and complicated as to need the time, and talents, and energy, of some person or persons, devoted entirely to them?

Is it not expedient for the Synod to authorize the Boards of Missions to appoint a financial Secretary, whose duty it shall be, together with the two Boards, to devise the ways and means of keeping the subject of missions before the churches, and raising the funds necessary for carrying on all our missionary operations?

Your committee would recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That as our number of missionaries is increasing, and the expenses of our Boards exceeding their income, the churches be urged to give due consideration to this subject, and come up to the work with an enlarged and systematic liberality.

2. *Resolved,* That in view of the extensive sphere of our missionary operations, and the great want of more funds, the Boards of Missions, conjointly, be authorized to appoint a financial Secreta-

ry, with a competent salary, who shall labor under the joint direction of the Boards, and whose especial province shall be to call forth the energies of the Church, and obtain the means necessary to carry on our missionary work.

RANSFORD WELLS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee on the Relief Fund have examined the subject and the documents submitted to them, with care, and find the whole original plan has not been carried into effect, so fully as would be desired. Of the original subscribers, thirty have not paid any thing to the funds; seventeen have paid once; seventeen twice; thirteen have paid three times; four have paid four times, and one five times; making in all, fifty-two interested in the funds. The payment of the instalments of the subscribers, collections in the churches, donations, and interest on the funds, now amount to $6,009 65. If the whole of the subscriptions should be paid up to this time, the funds would amount to between eight and nine thousand dollars. Your committee would also observe, that very few of the Classes appear to have entered heartily into the plan, in order to give it a full and fair trial, and yet, to the clergy and the churches, it is exceedingly important.

It is important to ministers, because no men of equal talent, learning, character and industry, are so poorly paid for their services, in a temporal way, and therefore, in case of sickness, are often reduced to great distress; and in case of their death, they leave families to struggle with want,—to trust to the reluctant aid of friends, or the cold charities of the world. This fund comes happily to their relief, and if the subscribers regularly paid the subscription, with other aid, an annuity of two hundred, or two hundred and fifty dollars, may be regularly paid to each annuitant. It is important

to the churches, because they are bound by the Constitution and the ties of gratitude, to aid a sick or aged minister, who has long labored for, and over them in the Lord. Collections and donations in the churches annually, would very soon accumulate so large a fund, as to afford relief in every case, without burdening any church in particular. On a thorough review of the principles of this fund, there can be no doubt of their truth. The difficulty which appears to your committee, is this, the salaries of our ministers, in many instances, are so low and inadequate to their support, that the payment of twenty dollars annually, is a larger sum of money than can be easily spared from their yearly expenses, in the various necessaries, and the education of children. According to a suggestion from different sources, your committee would recommend, that in all cases, the consistories may, at their pleasure, direct their contributions, collections and donations, to apply in whole or in part, to the credit of their own, and any other minister they may designate.

Your committee would recommend that this rule apply to certain funds, now in the hands of the Treasurer, according to the request of the consistories.

Your committee are fully convinced that the only reason why the plan has not been so fully developed as would be desired, is not that it is complicated, and impracticable, but for want of proper attention. It is often matter of delicacy for clergymen to address their own people, and difficult to leave their own charges, to fulfil agencies, however deeply they may feel the importance of the objects of their appointment. Your committee would advise a recommendation to the Board of Corporation, to appoint an agent for three or more months, to give his sole and entire attention to this subject.

Such an agent, your committee believe, may be obtained for very little more than his travelling expenses. A brother, thus properly authorized, visiting the churches, commissioned to explain the plan, point out its importance, and direct attention to the subject, would exercise, in the judgment of your committee, a most happy and salutary influence in the churches, and accomplish a great amount of good.

Much, very much, has been done in the churches for education, missions, and other objects of benevolence, and there is every reason to believe, that if this subject is properly presented to the churches, they will visit the sick, the widow and the fatherless, in their afflictions. Your committee would observe that there appears to be some misapprehensions on the subject, which requires correction. It is supposed, that in case any person does not complete five years of annual payment, he forfeits all right in the funds; but a reference to the By-Laws of the Board of Corporation, shows such cases are provided for. The original funds may always be withdrawn by an annuitant, his heirs and assigns, at their pleasure, so that the only loss is the simple interest of the money. That an absolute neglect of payment of subscription, for a series of years, say five, deprives an annuitant of his claims on the funds, is both reasonable and necessary, to secure attention to the object, and punctuality in the payment; for much of the success of the plan, depends on realizing the funds subscribed, and assigned in the several parts, to complete the scheme. Your committee would also observe, that if in any case an annuitant has paid four instalments, and then requires the aid of the association, it would not vary the calculations, nor jeopardize the funds, to pay a full annuity, deducting twenty dollars, to be added to the funds.

The truth of the scheme may be tested by the following calculations.

If the fifty original subscribers had paid regularly their instalment, the funds would now be more than $8,000

Interest,	$560
Fifty subscribers, at twenty dollars each,	1000
Collections, donations, &c.,	600
	$2,160

If then, there were ten annuitants now, they could be safely paid annually, two hundred dollars each; but by the nicest calculation, the number for ten years to come, cannot exceed four.

Again, take thirty subscribers:

The interest on the present fund, ($6,000,) is	$420
The annual payments of thirty subscribers,	600
Collections and donations,	400
	$1,420

By the same calculation as above, seven annuitants may now be paid two hundred dollars annually; but the number for ten years to come, cannot, in the ordinary providence of God, exceed three. The annuity, without hazard, might be increased to two hundred and fifty dollars, and a surplus still remain. These calculations are made to demonstrate the correctness of the original calculations, and show plainly that they fall short, if in any variation, of the abundance of the funds. There are some unimportant variations in the plan suggested by experience, and found necessary to the successful operation of the scheme—but none it is believed really varying the result, viz: the ability to pay an annuitant two hundred dollars yearly. Your committee feel persuaded, that if an agent is appointed, and proper exertions made during the present year, ten thousand dollars may be realized, and the funds be in a state to pay the annuity of any probable number of incumbents. Should this report be adopted, your committee would recommend its reference to the Board of Corporation as the basis of their action in the several particulars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. MURPHEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, was read.

A copy of the Minutes of the Synod of North Holland, for 1783, was presented to the General Synod, by Gen. Westerlo; and also, a copy of the Minutes of the same Synod, for 1771, by the Rev. P. Labagh.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the donors, and that the documents be deposited in the archives of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. R. Wells, B. C. Taylor and Thomas De Witt, D. D. and the Elder, Isaac Hutton, be a committee to make arrangements for holding a meeting in behalf of the benevolent institution of the General Synod.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the meeting held accordingly.

A communication was received from the Trustees and Faculty of the Albany Medical College, inviting the Synod to visit their Museum, on Saturday, the fourth day of the session, at 4 o'clock P. M. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

Whereas, the Rev. Classis of New-Brunswick have received, subject to the approval of General Synod, the Rev. George G. Sill, on certificate from the Presbytery of Peoria, in the state of Illinois, and under the peculiar circumstances of the case, Mr. Sill could not be examined, in person, before said Classis, and in the presence of a Deputatus Synodi, but gave full satisfaction to said Classis, in writing, as to his doctrinal views, and his approbation of the government of the Reformed Dutch Church, therefore,

Resolved, That the reception of the Rev. George G. Sill, by the said Classis, be, and hereby is approved.

A communication was received from Dr. T. Romeyn Beck, transmitting to the Synod, in the name of himself and his brothers, Drs. John B. Beck and Lewis C. Beck, the Minutes of the Synod of North Holland, for the years 1763, 1769, 1770, 1784, and 1785, and also the Minutes of the Coetus and in part of the Conferentie of the Provinces of New-York and New-Jersey, from 1747 to 1767. Whereupon

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to the Messrs. Drs. Beck, for this very valuable present, and that the Minutes be deposited in the archives of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk prepare a digest of the Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod, and that he submit the same to the Synod, at their next annual session.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of the committee appointed to meet at New-Brunswick on the subject of the Professorate.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

Fifty copies of the Thirty-first Annual Report of the A. B. C. F. Missions were received and distributed among the members.

The Rev. E. S. Janes, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society, addressed the Synod on the subject of the operations of that Society, on the morning of the sixth day of the session, whereupon the following resolution was *unanimously* adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod estimating the vast importance of the object of the American Bible Society, and viewing the continued claims upon it for the domestic supply of our own country, and the increasing demands and facilities for the distribution of the Bible in foreign and heathen lands, recommend to all our churches and congregations, to co-operate in increasing its funds and extending its operations.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk procure a suitable case in which to keep the Synodical Archives, and the surplus copies of the Minutes of the General Synod, and that the Treasurer of the Synod be authorised to pay the expense of the same.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts present the following report.

They have examined the document referred to them, signed Isaac Young, Treasurer, and purporting to be a statement of the securities of General Synod. Your committee suppose and believe, that the said document gives a full and correct representation of all the securities belonging to General Synod. These securities consist of bonds, notes and stocks. The bonds amount to $98,400, bearing an annual interest of $6,698, which your committee infer is annually paid, as the document does not notice any delinquencies. The notes amount to only $810 50, with an annual interest of $47 60. On three of those notes, interest has been accruing for eight and ten years. The stocks consist of twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, the amount and annual value of which is not given.

All which is respectfully submitted,

DOUW VAN OLINDA, *Chairman.*

The door-keeper's bills, amounting to $24 30, were presented, and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish one thousand copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following members were absent without permission, viz: Rev. James M.

Matthews, D. D., Peter Allen, John M. Van Buren, Staats Van Santvoord, John B. Alliger, Andrew N. Kittle, James Murphey, Jedediah L. Stark, James Abell, and the elders, John I. Demarest, Jeremiah J. Best, Abraham Knickerbacker, and John Putman.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be, and hereby are presented to the Rev. Dr. Wyckoff, Dr. Yates, and the elder, W. W. Grosebeck, for their unremitted and deep interest in the accommodation of its members during their present protracted session, and that they be requested, in the manner they may deem most appropriate, to convey a similar expression of our sentiments, to the brethren and friends of Albany, who, by their kind hospitalities, have materially relieved them, under the pressure of their solemn and arduous duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the consistories of the Middle and North Dutch Churches, for the use of their buildings, and the accommodations afforded by them during the session of Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New-York, at the Consistory Room of the Franklin Street Church, on the first Wednesday in June, 1842, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was closed with prayer by the President.

JAMES ROMEYN, *President.*
JOHN GARRETSON, *Adsessor.*
CORNELIUS L. VAN DYCK, }
JOHN C. F. HOES, } *Clerks pro tem.*

Official copy, from the original Minutes,

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

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